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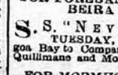

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LOT No. 1.—A piece of land measuring about 15 Kanis more or less, situate at Chittagong, together with a corrugated iron bungalow, 4 large corrugated iron godowns, 1 corrugated iron cook room. 1 small thatched godown, 1 stable, 1 new house and 2 Darwan's huts, and bounded on the north partly by the houses of Nishit Chunder Dey and partly by the public road, called Mohesekhali Road, on the south by the river Karnafuli, on the east by the godown of Nityananda Roy, and on the west by Mohesekhali Road. Annual rent payable to the Chittagong Collectorate is Rs. 217 per annum and Zamindar's rent is Rs. 300 per annum.

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		10 years.	15 years.	20 years.	15 years.	20 years.	25 years.	
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
20	21 10	48 8	36 6	30 7	64 5	47 6	37 11	20
21	22 1	49 4	36 14	30 15	64 6	47 8	37 13	21
22	22 9	50 0	37 7	31 7	64 8	47 10	37 15	22
23	23 1	50 12	38 0	31 15	64 9	47 12	38 1	23
24	23 9	51 8	38 10	32 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
25	24 2	52 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
26	24 11	53 2	39 15	33 9	64 15	48 3	38 10	26
27	25 1	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	48 6	38 14	27
28	25 15	54 14	41 5	34 12	65 4	48 9	39 2	28
29	26 9	55 13	42 1	35 6	65 7	48 12	39 6	29
30	27 4	56 13	42 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
31	27 15

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Acting Agent.

Bombay Agency, Esplanade.

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Steamer Point,	Aden.		

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The Bank receives DEPOSITS FIXED for one year and shorter periods, at Rates of interest to be ascertained on application.

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ROBERT R. ROSS,
Manager.

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Reserve Liability of Proprietors ..... $ 100,00,000

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Interest allowed at 1 per cent, per annum on Daily Balance if not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000 but no interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 5 half yearly.

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ORDINARY RESERVE FUND, " 9,210,000
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F. D. STRANACK,
Manager.

Bombay, 18th July, 1903.

BANK OF CALCUTTA, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.

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RESERVED FUND ... ... " 16,00,000
UNCALLED CAPITAL ... ... " 5,00,000

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" J. C. SPEIRS.

MANAGING DIRECTOR,
Mr. D. KING.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the following terms:—

2 % per annum allowed on daily balances
or
2½ " " minimum monthly balances

at the option of the Depositors to be declared when opening accounts.

FIXED DEPOSITS received at the following rates of interest:—

	Per Annum.
For 2 Years...	5 per cent.
" 1 Year	4½ "
" 6 Months	4 "
" 3 "	3½ "

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, APRIL 14.

SECURITIES—

£3 3-4 cer cent. Consols	£88 7-16	=	unchanged
£3 do. Rentes	£95	=	do
£3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan	£101 1-2	=	do
£4 per cent, Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£65 5-8	=	do

SILVER—

Spot in London	24 9-16	=	— 1-4
2 months hence	24 1-2	=	— 1-4
Spot in New York	53 3-8	=	— 5-8

EXCHANGES—

Parisjcheques	25·13 1-2	=	unchanged
Berlin "	20·46 1-1	=	— 1-4
New York Demand	4·87 3-8	=	+ 1-3

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	3 1-2 per cent	=	— 1-2
3 months' sight Bank Bills	2 5-8 per cent	=	unchanged
6 " " "	2 3-4 per cent	=	— 1-8
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	3 per cent	=	unchanged
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 3-8 per cent	=	— 1-8

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	3 1-2 per cent	=	+ 1 1-8
7 day market loans	3 3-8 per cent	=	unchanged

WHEAT—
White Delhi 29 3-4 A.-M. Done.
Red Karachi 28 1-4 M. J. Sellers. } Quiet but steady.

BARLEY—
Yellow Guzerat 32 3-4—1-3. A.-M. Sellers
Yellow Cawapore 32—1-1 A.-M. Buyers } Dull.
Brown 29 7-8 — 1-4. A.-M. Buyers

COTTON—
Cotton in New York, 7 1-8

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed easier. Surats quiet. Manchester quiet. Total sales 5,000. Spot 8·02 — 22. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 9 3-16 — 1-8. Sold on speculation and for Export 200. Imports 3,000. Arrivals closed easier.

April-May	May-June.	June-July
7·82	7·81	7·79
—18	—18	—17
July-Aug	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.
7·55	7·30	6·93
—17	—15	—13
Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
6·20	6·21	6·19
—12	—12	—12

Receipts at U. S. Ports	4,000
Do. last year	9,000
Exports to Great Britain	nil
Do. do Continent	nil

In New York—

Spot	14·25 —15
Futures, month of July	14·38 +13
Do. do. December	11·67 —1

In New Orleans—

Spot	11 9-16
Futures, month of July	14·36 +19
Do. do. Oct.	11·79 +3
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Thursday, 14th April, 1904:—

Cotton	10,220 bales,
Wheat	21,577 cwts,
Linseed	17,196 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1,155 "
Gingellyseed	4,659 "
Poppyseed	5,233 "
Groundnuts	537 "
Castorseed	2,955 "
Rice	8,074 "
Myrabolams	3,138 "
Cottonseed	7,056 "
Mowrasseed	Nil "
Gram	1,252 "
Joowar	5,810 "
Maize	1,724 "

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 15.

The past week has shown little signs of improvement in the actual fresh business coming to hand. Cotton has been dull and depressed following the decline advised from Home. The high values of Spot Americans compared with futures, apparently militates against any improvement in the demand for ready stocks, and spinners are evidently, reducing their purchases to the lowest possible limits. Receipts at the U. S. ports continue on a very small scale, compared with last year, but the bull element is quiescent in the meantime, and prices are sagging. In the new season's crop, however, the decline in quotations is small in proportion to that for nearer deliveries.

There is a considerable rise, in the week, in Consols, as advised from London, following, we presume, the announcement of the Anglo-French Agreement. The Bank of England yesterday reduced its official rate to three and half per cent. After having been four per cent. since 3rd September,

COTTON.

Advices from Home have shown a daily decline in the price of Americans, notwithstanding the heavy falling off in the receipts at the U. S. ports. As we have pointed out above, the large margin in favor of current season's crop over the price of futures for next season's deliveries, is evidently curtailing the demand, and if there be an extension of the short-time movement, referred to in our last mail report, it is possible that a more equitable arrangement of prices may be the outcome.

The following are the daily prices of spot middling cotton in Liverpool and New York:—

	Liverpool	New York.
April 8th	8·28	15·00
" 9th	8·34	15·07
" 11th	8·34	14·94
" 12th	8·24	14·75
" 13th	8·24	14·40
" 14th	8·02	14·25

Our local market has shown but little change since our last report. The enquiry from exporters is on a very limited scale and is chiefly confined to the highest grades. The Mills are also very moderate buyers, the present low scale of exchange on China being very adverse to this industry. Sellers show some desire to reduce their stocks on hand, but even with the very limited demand for the staple, prices are not forced down to any extent. Business reported is practically confined to the covering of previous sales, and the market was dull and inactive throughout the week.

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales.
Receipts for 7 days	68,113
Receipts from 1st Oct. to April 14th	14,93,468
Shipments for 8 days to Europe	68,392
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	877
Total	69,269
Shipments from 1st Oct. to April 14th Europe	8,84,051
Japan	16,891
China	2,01,783
Coast Ports	8,832
Total	9,11,057
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	22,837
China, Japan, and Coast Ports	8,056

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	firm.
Estimated sales	5,000
Imports bales	3,000

April-May	May-June.	June-July
7·82	7·79	7·77
—18	—18	—18
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.
7·55	7·30	6·93
—17	—15	—13
Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
6·20	6·21	6·19
—12	—12	—12

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Delivery
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry.terms)	251	237	230	April 25,
Bengals (M.-G.) (Ry.terms)	256	244	...	"
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	256	244	...	"
Oomrawatee (descriptions) M.-G.	261	255	...	"
Khandeish (M.-G.)	...	...	251	243 "
Jalgaum do.	...	...	253	245 "
Khandwa do.	...	...	261	... "
Khanganm fair staple (M-G)	263	256		
Karanja do. do				
Akola do. do.				
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (MG)	269	262	...	
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)	273	266	...	
Broach (M.-G.)	328	318	...	
Do. (M.G.)	329	319	...	April 15
Bhownugger (M G.)	277	267	...	April 25
Do. H.G.)	274	264	...	May 25
Mutia (M. G.)	258	248		April 25
Dharwar (S.-G)	...	...	291	May 25
Western	...	...	271	"
Bhownugger (H G)	273	263		April 25
Do (H G)	270	260		May 25

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

These markets have been quiet but steady. For Linseed and Rapeseed a slight advance has been paid owing to urgent freight engagements, especially for Antwerp, for which port three steamers have been loading. In the home markets the general tone was even more lifeless than last week and prices are now out by several annas per cwt. Poppy is coming in more freely and dealers meet the demand without asking for any increase. Castorseed is dull with very little doing, and the same remarks apply to Cottonseed. Wheat is quiet but steady with little or no enquiry for export.

Week's arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay.

Cotton	63,113 bales
Wheat	1,84,573 cwts
Linseed	1,68,293 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	80,922 "
Gingellyseed	32,807 "
Poppyseed	24,971 "
Groundnuts	7,249 "
Castorseed	21,050 "
Rice	2,38,097 "
Myrabolams	46,503 "
Cottonseed	66,728 "
Mowrasseed	530 "
Gram	14,238 "
Jowar	60,941 "
Maize	5,009 "

Stocks—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Kussak—Town stone	0	5	0
Ready	0	6	0
Castorseed—Town dull.			
Ready	20	0	0
Gingellyseed.—Nothing doing.			
Howree Khandeish ...	prices		
15 per cent. Mixed ...			
25 per cent. " ...	nominal		
50 per cent. " ...			
Black Kutnee " ...			
WHEAT.—Tone dull.			
Pissi, 91 per cent	Rs. 29-0		
Club, No. 1	Rs. 28-8		
Hard Red	Rs. 24 0		

FREIGHT.

The market was dull and depressed since our last week's report. Owing to the excessive amount of tonnage declared in ready steamers early in the week, numerous rates were thrown on the market, and rates, especially for Antwerp, declined rapidly 12s. 6d. being accepted for prompt loading, and 15s. for Genoa, Rubattino Line.

For picked ports we quote 15s. 6d. to 16s. April, 15s. 6d. May, 15s. June, and 14s. 6d. July to December with possible concessions for business.

The s.s. Clan Macleod was reported fixed at 15s. one p.p. 15s. 6d. two p.p, April May loading.

The market closes dull with little enquiry on the part of shippers.

MONEY.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 14th April	3½	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do	10th Mar. 5	do
Bank of Bengal do	14th April 5	do
Bank of Madras do	22nd Jan. 7	do

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 9th April last as compared with that of the previous week:—

LIABILITIES,	Rs.	
Public Deposits	20,32,183	Decrease,
Other Deposits	38,88,900	Increase.
Sundries	37,079	Increase.
ASSETS,		
Government Securities	21,346	Increase,
Other Authorized Securities	93,915	Decrease,
Credits on Securities	11,32,235	Increase.
Loans, do.	2,74,863	Increase.
Bills discounted & purchased	11,93,236	Increase.
Balance with other Banks	44,151	Increase,
Sundries	17,307	Increase,
Cash	6,61,176	Decrease,

These figures show a decline in the Trade Demand of 13·54 lakhs.

The Bank of Bengal weekly cash balance shows a decline of 3 lakhs and that of the Bank of Madras an increase of half lakh only. The Directors of the Bank of Bengal reduced the official rate to 5 per cent on Thursday bringing it on a level with that of the Bank of Bombay.

Our local money market is quiet and the fixed deposit rate for one or two months is 3 1-2 per cent per annum.

PAPER CURRENCY RESERVE.

The following are the latest returns as published in the "Gazette of India" for the 31st March:—

Silver coin	11,49,25,818
Gold coin and bullion	18,18,43,503
Silver held as security	22,07,443

Total of notes in circulation Rs. 38,21,16,540.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The total amount of Council Bills sold during the week ending on Tuesday evening was 63·20 lakhs. At the weekly allotment on Wednesday 60 lakhs were again put up for tender and were taken up as follows:—52·10 lakhs in Bills at 1s. 4 1-32d. and 7·90 lakhs in telegraphic tenders at 1s. 4 1-16d. tenderers at these rates receiving 28 per cent. The average rate of allotment for Bills is announced as 16·04 which seems to intimate that a portion of the amount advised was allotted at over 1s. 4 1-32d. For next week the amount to be allotted is unchanged at 60 lakhs.

The mail of the 1st April brings £80,000 silver and £80,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	15,50,000
Bombay	"	17,00,000
Madras	"	11,70,000
Total	Rs.	44,20,000

The mail of the 8th April brings £110,000 silver and £60,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	18,10,000
Bombay	"	7,10,000
Madras	"	4,10,000
Total	Rs.	29,30,000

The mail of the 15th April brings £280,000 silver and £70,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	27,70,000
Bombay	"	21,20,000
Madras	"	3 20,000
Total	Rs.	52,10,000,

EXCHANGE.

This market opened easy on Monday morning with some enquiry from the bazaar for Bank Demand at 1s. 4 1-16d. delivery for two mails. The rate has been obtainable throughout the week though not always generally quoted. At the close however the tone is steady and all banks are sellers. Bank T. T. has been quoted daily at 1s. 4 1-32d. with little demand at the rate and an occasional transaction at 1s. 4 1-16d. was reported. For forward delivery we quote

T. T May	1 4 1-32
" June to 15 July	1 4
" July August	1 3 31-32

In mercantile paper, the general quotation has been 1s. 4 1-4d. for 3 months sight credits D-A for April delivery but bills were placed, on and off early in the week at 1s. 4 7-32d. for this and next mail. On Thursday morning when the result of Council Bills was announced, all Banks refused to buy at the lower quotation for delivery this month, though some were open to buy for May at the rate. A fair amount of bills has been placed during the week.

For forward delivery we quote
3 months sight D. A. May June 1 4 7-32
" July 1 4 3-16

In far Eastern exchanges little or nothing has been reported. The present low rate on Shanghai is said to be due to large accumulations of silver in that port, which the events of the war have rendered immovable.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

Early in the week the price of 3 1-2 per cent advanced about one-quarter per cent, over last mail's closing quotations, and the price has remained fairly steady. To-day, in view of a possible early announcement of the new loan the market is rather quieter. There is a fair business passing in the bazaar.

3-1-2 per cent. cash	Rs. 97-13
do 2nd May	Rs. 97-12
3 per cent ready	Rs. 85-8-0

Repayable.	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust ... 1923	104 0
4 per cent " " ... 1930	104 8
4 per cent " " ... 1932	104 8
4 per cent Bombay Municipal ... 1923	103 0
4 per cent " " ... 1943	103 8
5 per cent " " ... Tanna	116 117
5 per cent " " ... Sanitary	115 116
4 per cent Bo. Improvt Trust ... 1939	103 0
4 per cent " ... 1962	103 0

BULLION.

There have been some fluctuations in the silver market during the week, a reaction having taken place after the heavy decline. As the up-country demand is improving the difference between ready and forward delivery is fully Rs. 1 1-2. We hear of little business passing in gold,

	Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold	24	0	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	0	6
Bombay do	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	2	6
Do. Dragon	15	0	0
Silver ex-duty Ready	64	4	0
Do. 1st settlement	63	4	0
Do. 2nd do.	63	10	0

PIECEGOODS.

The market continues almost the same as last reported. Prices remain unchanged and demand from up-country has been sluggish. Home quotations still continue to be much higher than the level of Bombay rate. Some lines are reported to have been done in whites,

METALS.

There is no change to report in Copper and Yellow Metal, Stocks are accumulating and no fresh business has been done this week. In iron and steel the market is steady, but owing to heavy arrivals there is no change in local rates, and only a limited business is reported with offices. Quicksilver and spelter are quiet.

Exchange—Tone steady
Bank T.T.....1s. 4 1-32d.
Bank Demand.....1s. 4 1-16d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A. 1s. 4 1-4d,
Do 6 do do 1s. 4 3-8d.
French Francs 8 do do 170 1-2
Marks 3 do do 133 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight 124 1-2
Shanghai 30 do do 170
Japan 30 do do 145

COALS.

Market quiet; small sales are reported of Jardine Navigation ready at Rs. 11 and of Deshergur at Rs. 12-4.

SHARES.

The market is quiet. Bank of Bombay shares are quiet at Rs 1,292 1-2. Commercials are weak at Rs. 42. In Railway Companies, Tapti Valleys have changed hands at and at about Rs. 395 X.D. Ahmedabad Prantej are weak at Rs. 490. In Press shares Mofusils have improved to Rs. 495, Indian Cottons are unchanged at Rs. 161 1-4. Berars at Rs. 505. Volkarts have advanced to Rs 1,040 Harvey and Sabapatty have changed hands at Rs. 600, Hingoloes at Rs 155. In Miscellaneous list Alcocks are in demand at Rs 268. Badham Piles are unchanged at Rs. 157. Bombay Burmahs have improved to Rs. 7,300 and quarter shares to 1,850 Kamps are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 250. Treachers are unchanged at Rs 510. Bombay Telephones have changed hands at Rs. 23 3-4 X. D. and are steady at the rate. Port Canvings are quiet at Rs. 410. In Mill shares Central Indias are quiet at Rs. [illegible] have changed hands at Rs. 690, X. D. Colaba Land and mill shares are quiet at Rs. 372 1-2 Manekji Petits have rallied at and about Rs. 193. Morarjis are steady at Rs. 1,775, Sholapurs at Rs. 1,860. Transactions in Queen mill shares have been reported at Rs. 510. Standards have changed hands at Rs, 365, Kohinoors are quiet at Rs, 355. Framji Petits are steady at Rs. 680, Sassoon mill shares are unchanged at Rs. 710, Sassoon silk mill shares at Rs, 520 the rest are unchangerd.

G. P. closing rate:—
97-13 ready } Tone.
97-12 forward } Quiet.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed ..... easier
Surats ..... quiet
Good Broowngger 6 2-32
The Manchester Market has been ..... quiet
2 3-4 per cent Consols 88 7-16
2 per cent Rentes 98
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan 104 1-2
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers 85 5 8
Bar Silver 24 9-16

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yester day show the following results:—Total Bullion £34,160,101, Increase £690,000; Public Deposits £8,570,000, Decrease, £2,300,000; Other Deposits £42,900,000; Increase £2,200,000, Government Securities £11,900,000, Decrease £1,400,000, Other Securities £25,330,000, Decrease £700,000; Notes and Gold £34,100,000, Increase £1,120,000. The Banks Reserve is 47 per cent. of the Liabilities.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

The following races will sail to-day:—

A CLASS HANDICAP RACE—
For a cup presented by Mr Harry William,

Names of Boats.	Time Allowance on Course.	Entered by	Start
	M S		H M S
Sapphire	1 7	Capt Muter R A and Mr R H Hopkins	3 15 0
Isca	15 52	Mr E Faulkner	3 15 0
Stella	Scr	Lt Col H W Boyd	1 M 0
Turquoise	1 7	Mr G A H Crommelin	3 15 0
Mouldy	9 20	Mr J B S Macnea	3 15 0
Nanta	22 24	Mr G S Adamson	3 15 0

Course No. 7 From the Committee vessel round north Karanja Buoy leaving it to port, round the Committee Vessel, round south Karanja buoy leaving it to starboard thence to Committee Vessel—11 2 miles.

B CLASS HANDICAP RACE,

Names of Boats.	Time Allowance on Course.	Entered by	Start
	M S		H M S
Trixie	2 56	Mr A M Montesh	3 0 0
Sayonara	8 48	Major Curtis H A M	3 0 0
Jamsta	Scr	Officers R E	3 0 0
Erin	4 24	Mr G H Ireland	3 0 0

Course No. 5. From Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy, round South Karanja Buoy, and thence to Committee Vessel leaving all marks to starboard.—8·5 miles.

TOMTIT CLASS & HANDICAP RACE.

Names of Boats.	Time Allowance on Course.	Entered by	Start at
	M S		H M S
Tomtit	Scr	Dr F M Gibson	2 45 0
Meg	Scr	Mr C H Gyde	2 45 0
Maud	11 9	Mr J E Needham	2 45 0

Course No. 3. From Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy, round South Karanja Buoy, and thence to Committee Vessel leaving all marks to starboard.—8·5 miles.

BOMBAY RIFLE CLUB.

THE Competition for the "Webb" Cup (presented by Captain G. R. Webb G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers) took place at Ghat Cooper on Wednesday, the 13th April with the following result:—

	Score 200 yds.	Score 300 yds.	Score 600 yds.	Grand Total.
Sergt Major A Harrison, G I P Ry Vol	31	33	29	93*
Sergt-Major J H Downing, Bo Vol Rifles	23	33	27	83
Sergt E T Dracott, G I P Ry Vol	29	30	28	83
Lce Corpl A S Alcock, G I P Ry Vol	21	30	27	83
Cr Sergt W Fry G I P Ry Vol	33	31	23	87
Cr Sergt P R Sounly, Bo Vol	31	28	27	86
Volunteer S H Sharpe G I P Ry Vol	29	25	26	80
Lce Corpl C H Lillywhite, G I P Ry Vol	30	27	21	78
Sergt Instr S Briffitt, Bo Vol	27	27	21	75
Corpl A W Scott Bo Vol Artv.	24	24	24	72
Mr W Ba tley B.) Rifle Club	31	21	20	72
Cr Sergt E W Thomas, Bo Vol R fles	24	23	10	57
Corpl A G Powell, G I P Ry Vol	23	24	6	53

X. Holder of the Cup and winner of the Bombay Rifle Club Silver Medal for highest score in the competition.

The previous winners of the Cup have been as under: Ry Vols; Major T M English, Bo Vol Rifles; Sergt F E Otto, G I P Goodwin, Orient Light Infantry; Sergt-Majo J H Downing, Bombay Vol Rifles; Lce Chorpl C H Lillywhite, G I P R) Vols.

Extra Silver Spoon Competitions were held in connection with the above and were won as follows:—

200 Yards,

Cr Sergt W. Fry, 33 points, Winner of 1st Spoon.
Sergt-Major A Harrison, 31 Points, winner of 2nd Spoon.

500 Yards,

Sergt-Major A Harrison, 33 Points, winner of 1st Spoon.
Sergt-Major J H Downing, 33 Points, winner of 2nd Spoon.

600 Yards,

Sergt-Major A Harrison, 29 Points, Winner of 1st Spoon.
Sergt E T Dracott, 28 Points winner of 2nd Spoon.
Aggregate 2000.60, and 600 Yards.
Sergt-Major A Harrison, 93 Points, winner of 1st Spoon.
Sergt-Major J H Downing, 88 Points, winner of 2nd Spoon

DIVINE SERVICES.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.
II SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral Tours in C.
Hymns—197, 140, 211 and 224.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
Canticles: Woodward in A.
6 p.m.—Evening and Sermon.
Hymns—499, 18 and 130.
Collections for—Choir Fund.
Daily Matins at 9-15 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
(Ballards Road, opposite Byculla Club.)
8-30 a. m.—Morning service.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.
5 p.m.—Sunday School.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.
7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway.)
8 a.m.—Parade Service Preacher—Rev C Ryder-Smith B A.
6 p.m.—Evening Service. Preacher—Rev. C. Ryder-Smith B.A.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)
9-30 a.m.—Preacher—Rev. Arthur J. Revnell.
6 p.m.—Preacher—Rev. Arthur J. Revnell.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.
7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—33, 309 and 197.
5 p. m.—Children's Service.
6 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—[illegible], 36 and 321.
Offertories for—India British Institutes.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.
6 a. m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist—(Choral).
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
10-45 a. m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Evensong—(Choral)
Alms for Church expenses.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.
8 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon.
Collections for the church expenses and Poor.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
(Church of Scotland.)
11 a. m.—Morning Service.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.
Psalm—84.
Hymn—128.
Hymn—381.
Hymn—8.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH,
Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)
8 a.m.—Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion.

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THE steamer Halbonne, 3,295 tons, Captain C. Vermulen arrived in harbour yesterday from Delagoa Bay, 30th March in ballast.

THE Hall Line steamer Haddon Hall, 2677 tons, Captain J Abraham, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool 19th March, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Prome 2,300 tons, Captain F Mckay arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool 17th March with a general cargo and Lieutenant E E Woodcock Lieutenant Grant and Mrs Gorman as passengers.

THE German East Africa Line steamer Somali, 1,822 tons, Captain K W Volkertain, arrived in harbour on Thursday, evening from Durban, 16th March, with a general cargo and Dr N H Labeer, Mr F J Mahara) and 196 deck passengers.

THE Florio-Rubattino S N Co's steamer Ischia, 2784 tons, Captain D Magazzini, will sail to-day for Hongkong with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Seven Sisters of charity, Mr Hajee Ebrahim, Mr Hajee Mahomed, Mr Kurej Sing Loong and 23 deck.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kapurthala, 720 tons, Captain M G Williams, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 14 cases opium, one horse and the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs Langridge, Mr and Mrs Goolzad, Mrs Bonny, Mr Refsehnty, Mr and Mrs Blazey, Mr and Mrs Alexander and infant, Mr Hanifa, and 82 deck.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

In the Stream.

R I M S Clive.....Beauchamp .....Royal Indian Marine

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H M S Perseus.....Capt M R Hill.....Royal Navy
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Torpedo Boat No. 110.....
Do No 122.....
Do No 103.....
Juba.....134 Wilson...East Africa Despatch steamer

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—APRIL 15.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Deutschland bq	768	Nacoda			The Captain
Fazal Karim	636	Nacoda			G Mahomed
Palitana	1934	Lenarcand			M M & Co
Tientsin	2553	Kenrick	Kobe		P & O Co
Sofala	3436	Shepherd			M M & Co
Nowshera	1961	Dewing			M M & Co
Jelinga	3361	Windebank			M M & Co
Istrur	2979	Perks	Antwerp		K N & Co
Huzara	1536	McClelland			M M & Co
Ormidale	2305	Hamilton			W & A G & Co
Pundit	3831	Crebbin			T M & Co
Scindia	3930	Butler	Calcutta		M M & Co
Oriental	3085	Spicer			P & O Co
Heim	758	Ericson	Singapore		Bombay Co
Iran	1961	Jacob	Dunkirk		K N & Co
[illegible]ooth	3414	Crabb			W & A G & Co
Uranus	3383	Allen			M M & Co
Goalpara	1339	Hurt			M M & Co
Sutherland	2217	Wallace			
Vadala	2161	Skinner	Jeddah	18-4	M M & Co
Egypt	4039	Reddon	London	16-4	P & O Co
Sagarbhala	710	Williams			M M & Co
Haddon Hall					K Nixon & Co
Coromandel	3783	Montford			P & O Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A	Dido	2127	Pickering	Hull	20-4	F Muir & Co
C	Tara	2851	Harrington	N F		M M & Co
E	Crewe Hall	2880	Haughton	K'chi	16-4	K Nixon & Co
G	Naseri	912	Myeris		80	P S N Co
H	Samal	1283	Valiatti	Durban	11-4	Mackintosh
N	Camberwell	2583	Baines	Antwerp	25-4	M M & Co
O	Nevasa	2691	Hirst	Delagoabay	19-4	M M & Co
P	Stanhope	810	Verrall	Hamburg	2-4	Hajee S Sidick
Q	Agnes	1862	Eagle	Hull	2-4	Mackintosh

HARBOUR WALL P. DOCK.

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
1	Simla	3321	Summers	China	19-4	P & O Co
2	Mar [illegible]	3250	Thomson	L'pool	21-4	W & A G & Co
3	Prome	2299	Mackay			K Nixon & Co
4	Ischia	2784	Mazanzini	China	16-4	F Cresono
6	Gayo Bonito	3213	Farrell	Port Said	23-4	K N & Co
7	Clan Macarthur	2657	Mackintosh	L'pool	23-4	F M&Co
9	Kt. of the Garter	4297	Billett	A'werp	19-4	K N & Co
10&11	Hohenfels	3559	Reis	Karachi	20-4	Glade & Co
15	Mercedes de Larrinaga	3701	O'Connor	Genoa	16-4	K N & Co
16	Begonia	2346	Rutherford	L'pool	16-4	W & A Graham

HARBOUR WALL V. DOCK.

Dwarka	759	Rothwell	Karachi	19-4	M M & Co

M. DRY DOCK.

Inverie	3113	White	Calcutta	19-4	T Morrison

ARRIVALS.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
15	Halizones s	Vermulen	Delagoa Bay, Mar 30
	Prome s	McKay	Liverpool, Mar 17
	Kapurthala s	Williams	Gusrh, April 6
	Haddon Hall s	Aoram	Liverpool, Mar 19

DEPARTURES.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination
15	Hoseines s	Lorne	Persian Gulf
	Alivia s	Peel	Jedah
	Ashruf s	Newby	Jedah
	R Rohatino s	Saperio	Genoa
	Mutra s	Alexander	Calcutta, &c
	santhia s	Philips	Calcutta

The following vessels obtained their port clearance yesterday:—

Steamer Ischia, Mazanzini, for Hongkong.
" Ormidale, Hamilton, for Calcutta.

The steamer Somali, entered for loading yesterday for Zanzibar, &c.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS. APRIL 15.

The Clan Line Co's steamer Clan Alpine, left Suez for Colombo, Madras, and Calcutta on the afternoon of 12th instant.

The Bombay mails of the 2nd instant arrived Brindisi on the 12th instant.

The B I S N Co's steamer Manora, passed Lisbon on the evening of 13th instant.

The Clan Line Co's steamer Clan Macalister arrived in London on the morning of 14th instant.

ADEN, APRIL 14.

The P and O Company's steamer Peninsular with the homeward Mails of the 8th instant arrived here at 6 a. m. to-day (Thursday.)

SUEZ, APRIL 14.

The P and O Company's steamer India with the outward Mails of the 8 Instant left here at 3 p. m., to-day (Thursday.)

SINGAPORE, APRIL 15.

The P and O Co's steamer Banda, (Extra) arrived here from Bombay at daylight to-day.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Maria Valerie, left Trieste for Calcutta on the afternoon of the 12th instant.

The same Co's steamer Imperatrix from Trieste left Aden for Bombay, on the afternoon of the 14th instant, and may be expected here on the 20th instant day break.

The German East Africa Line steamer Reichstag left Zanzibar for Bombay on the 14th instant, afternoon, via Mombassa.

DAILY EXPORTS.—APRIL 14.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Creme Hall s—18 bales wool W and A Graham and Co
151 bales wool B Hurbhum 25 bales wool L Hurbhum.
Begonia s—520 cwt myrabollams W Becher 1562 cwt myrabollams Ebjee Gomersey.
Messilia s—49 bales cotton B Hazarimal; 115 bales wool W and A Graham and Co; 35 bales wool D Khimjee 1000 cwt methyseed Hansee and Kranee 49 bales wool B Hurbham; 2000 cwt wheat Sandby and Co.

FOR LONDON

Egypt s—511 cwt myrabollams P Jethabhoy 1-2 cwt ivory K Nissao.

FOR HULL.

Agnes s—4000 cwt cottonseed 70-0 cwt myrabollams W Becher 1703 cwt cottonseed Ralli Bros.

FOR NEW YORK.

Egypt s—5 bales carpets S Tandrum.

FOR BARCELONA.

Massilia s—800 bales cotton Ralli Brothers; 100 bales cotton The New Mofussil Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Creme Hall s—7969 cwt seedseed 300 cwt mawrosced Rall Brothers.

FOR ANTWERP.

Massilia s—110 bales cotton Volkart Brothers.

FOR ANTWERP.

Caspian s—110 bales cotton A Hasenbeck and Co; 24 bales hemp C Hirjee and Co; 1004 cwt myrabollams Ebjee and omersey; 4000 cwt marzo N Khairaz and Co; 2250 cwt rapeseed Ralli Brothers; 1000 cwt wheat Vallaart 1024 cwt rapeseed Nanseokhairaz and Co.

Camberwee s—4779 cwt rap eseed Ralli Brothers 385 bales cotton F F Campbell and Co.

Kt of the Garter s—110 bales cotton, The Bombay Co; 1030 puppyseed and 1000 cwt rapeseed Ernst Lam and Co; 55 bales cottou F F Campbell and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Hohenfels s—3-0 bales cottoh glade and Co; 55 bales cotton F F Campbell and Co; 451 cwt crushed myrabollams W Becher; 100 cwt poppyseed and 1000 cwt myrabollams Volkart Brother; 1602 cwt Gingelyseed G D Sassoon and Co; 400 cwt myrabollams Ernst Lam and Co; 100 cwts olibanum M G Joomabhoy and Co.

Stanhope s—4025 cwts linseed S D Sassoon and Co; 550 bales cotton Spinners and Co; 232 bales cotton F F Campbell and Co; 1030 cwts myrabollams Leheehart Brothers; 8396 cwts myrabollams B Anandrao and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Clan Macarthur s—500 bales cotton Prier de Soone and Co; 420 bales cotton G Spinner and Co; 3000 cwts rapeseed Ralli Brothers; 16000 cwts buffalo hides H Kaderbhoy.

FOR GENOA.

Mercedes-de-Larringa s—55 bales cotton The New Mofussil Company; 1915 bales cotton Glasgow Jejpal and Co; 904 cwts linseeed Ralli Brothers.

FOR PORT SAID.

Cayo Bonito s—1250 cwts cottonseed Ralli Brothers.

FOR KOBE.

Tientsin s—1000 bales cotton H S N Talati and Co; 200 bales cotton Tata and Co; 400 bales cotton Fleming Shaw and Co; 700 bales cotton J A Begbie and Co; 130 bales cotton Tata and Co; 200 bales J Meadjee and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Simla s—1000 bales twist David Sasson and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Ischia s—1690 cow hair P F Fazal; 28 cwts kismiss 112, cwts angoor and 1 1-2 cwts olibanum, A R Jackeria.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON FRIDAY, THE 15TH APRIL.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has increased briskly to rapidly in Sind and Rajputana and at Lahore and has been steady or has changed slightly elsewhere. The barometer is from 05 to 2 of an inch below normal in the Punjab Rajputana, the United and Central Provinces and at Neemuch.

Winds are south-westerly to north-westerly at the majority of the reporting stations. The force has been fresh to strong in Gujarat, Behar and at Neemuch, Karachi Saugor, Nagpur, Surat, Malegaon, Ahmednagar and Aurangabad.

Temperature.—The greatest variations from normal are:—Maximum 5° to 7° in excess at Masulipatam and Trichinopoly, and the minimum 5° to 13° in excess at Delhi, Agra, Jhansi Allahabad, Veraval and Jubbulpore, and 8° in defect at Poona. The maximum varied from 109° at Cuddapah to 85° at Veraval and the minimum from 85° at Jhansi to 63° at Lahore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is partially cloudy at Surat, Bombay and Colombo.

Rain in light showers fell at Cochin, Coimbatore and Colombo.

Weather.—The depression mentioned in yesterday's report continues to pass eastwards across the extreme north. Barometrical gradients are steep over the greater part of the country. Fresh to strong winds may continue to blow to the north of Latitude 18° but will decrease in strength as the depression moves away to the east.

The Simla report of the 11th April says that "a very fine spot group, the largest since October, came round the western limb of the sun on the 8th."

E. A. KENYON, Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1904.

JAPANESE ETHICS.

If our glorious British Constitution were a written document, we wonder if we should read high encomiums on it in the magazines of other and less favoured nations. Would it be recognised as the source of our national virtues as well as the preserver of our internal peace? Very probably it would, if it fell under the appreciative notice of such a critic as Mr. Alfred Stead who wrote in the March "Monthly Review" on "Bushido, the Japanese Ethical Code." In it, he cries up the wise men of the East, as is now even more the fashion than it was two thousand years ago, and decries the limited wisdom and morality of the West. When a poet or a philosopher, or a lawgiver sits down to utter the thoughts and aspirations of his nation he naturally clothes them in the choicest language and utters only the noblest sentiments. Every teacher and every prophet in all countries and in all ages has laid down in verse or in prose the most sublime rules of conduct. It unfortunately does not follow that the people for whose benefit these are evolved follow them in every particulars, though it is none the less true that they are the outcome of the highest thought and keenest moral consciousness of the nation that owns the writer, be he poet or prophet. Mr. Stead need not be afraid that false modesty or false pride will prevent any one from taking the benefit of "the concentrated moral essence of the thoughts of the Budhist priests and Chinese sages of countless generations" which has filtered according to him into Japan through Korea. He calls upon us to admire the foundation of Japanese character, in the "Bushido," Japan's system of ethical training which should vouch for the permanence of the excellence it has engendered in the happy Jap nation. A Japanese Professor, Inazo Nitope, has supplied us with a book of reference showing how the "Bushido" Code is taught in Japanese schools. This code may be held to represent the Infinite Truth and it contains the purest crystallisations of moral and religious teachings. It is filled with the refined and sublimated essence of the spirit that should actuate the moral consciousness of all right-thinking and aspiring men. Nitobe defines "Bushido" as "the code of moral principles which the knights (or Samurai) were required or instructed to observe." It was not written, it was handed down traditionally, but it enjoys a powerful sanction, it has the best sentiments of the whole people behind it. Uprightness in thought and action, not an aping of virtue, nor the flattery of imitation, is its prevailing motive.

When we search for the source of Bushido, it is found partly in Budhism which teaches in a general way a calm trust in Fate, a quiet submission to the inevitable, a stoical composure in sight of danger and calamity, a disdain of life, and friendliness with death." These are, however, not the qualities that urge an active people on to distinction. They may prune its superabundant energies, and prevent vaulting ambition from attempting too high a flight. But Shintoism supplied positive elements, "loyalty to the Sovereign, reverence for ancestral memory, and filial piety," and the well-conned writings of Confucius and Mencius, which all Japanese youths are drilled in, contribute the other sources from which "Bushido" draws its principles. Justice stands prominent as one of the most honoured virtues to be inculcated at any cost; applied practically it eliminates from the character all underhand actions and tortuous thoughts or deeds. To have the title of "Gishi" or man of Rectitude, was a distinction desired above all others. Mr. Alfred Stead evidently thinks that it was always deserved when bestowed in Japan as we foudly believe all our Western rewards and titles are. If the inner and primitive meaning of European distinctions were looked into as carefully, the philologist would find that they also were meant only for the exponent of the highest kind of virtue. But rulers are human, and honors are elastically relative. Honorable mention was earned by the exercise of Right Reason, mostly displayed in filial piety and a correct attitude towards superiors, inferiors, and society at large, a glorified kind of tact it might be called, which prevents clashing with one's neighbours and makes home pleasant. "Giri" is the comprehensive name for this quality. Courage, if exercised "in the cause of righteousness" rose to the height of a virtue, but ordinary physical bravery was looked as indispensable and a matter of course. The children of the Samurai were trained on Spartan lines which entailed the acquisition of rare courage and endurance The example of all these virtues among the Samurai caused their practice to filter down to the lower people and the ideals became the same throughout Japan. To modify the warrior training of the Samurai, they were taught the milder virtues of benevolence and piety in all their delicate ramifications. The "tenderness of a warrior" was lauded, for it showed that mercy tempered justice where it might be least expected to triumph. They were taught music and poetry as refiners of their martial souls, and sang the beauties of nature instead of exciting battle hymns. These they had the satisfaction of enacting in war. The distinguishing trait of the Japanese in social intercourse is politeness and a multitude of ceremonious usages. Politeness was inculcated as a virtue of the first necessity. It gave expression to the perception of the people for the fitness of things in general and the regard they had for different social positions and can easily be referred to the very first virtue, rectitude or justice, as a branch of the same or an outward sign of it. In teaching politeness much definition became necessary, hence the multiplication of ceremonial usages and the sympathetic expressions of joy and grief with the happy or afflicted. It is satisfactory to know that excess of this latter display was condemned. "Propriety carried beyond right bounds is a lie." Veracity as held high in Bushido. The word of a Samurai was a guarantee of truth, and were an oath demanded of him, it justly would does it an insult to his honour. This sense of honour is cultivated most carefully. The young are encouraged to feel shame for any behaviour that infringed the Bushido code; it was one of the means by which the growth of virtue was fostered. "Shame is the soil of all virtues, of good manners and good morals" wrote Mencius.

Loyalty is the pride and joy of the Japanese. Mr. Stead states that they are the most patriotic race in the world. Many others would dispute this point, while not denying that the eastern island nation understands the duty of loyalty to ruler and country thoroughly and practise it incessantly. Professor Nitobe bears witness that the progress made by his nation in all modern politics, arts, science and commerce was brought about, not by a desire to develop the resources of Japan and to increase her wealth, nor was it "blind imitation of western customs," but "the sense of honour which cannot bear being looked down upon as an inferior power that was the strongest of motives." All worked together to this end and merged personal interests in those of the nation. Needless to say, virtue was its own reward and brought pecuniary advantages to the people which they were not slow to assimilate and now the process is continued by companies and firms as in countries that more frankly worship the golden calf. From what Mr. Stead reveals of the "Bushido code." it would seem that Japan is favored by more detailed rules of conduct than many other people, but that the ideals held up to them are nobler or better than those to be found in Christian ethics, it is impossible to admit. That Japan has succeeded in keeping ethics separate from puzzling religious doctrines may explain her success in reaching the minds of the people. They again are a race peculiarly amenable to teaching quick to see the advantage of doing the right, and they are homogeneous not made up of very various disturbing elements, the heirlooms of a mixed race as is the case with more conglomerate people and can, therefore, follow their leaders with more precision and meekness. It is pleasant to read the enthusiastic panegyric on the Japanese ethical code penned by Mr. Alfred Stead. He ignores any such thing as a penal code, if one exists in Japan, though even there wrong-doers must exist.

MILITIA RECRUITING. A CORRESPONDENT in a recent number of the "Broad Arrow" takes up the cudgels on behalf of trained officers, now officiating as Adjutants of Militia regiment, and has the temerity to believe that the Adjutants of Militia know considerably more about the organisation of their Militia battalions than 99 per cent., of the Militia officers to be met nowadays. It is a well known fact that the majority of recruits, obtained by the Militia are men who through youth have found the standard of the Line too high. They want to become soldiers, which the exigencies of the Line will not permit them to do, and enlist into the Militia hoping to obtain board and lodging for a time while they fill out to the required standard. This they frequently do by the completion of their "drill on enlistment," or at the end of their first training. Rejected candidates for the Army have often been persuaded to adopt this course by the recruiting sergeants and thus save many a recruit for the Army. If the numbers of the Militia are to be maintained, this result will not be obtained by substituting either inexperienced Militiamen for the trained officers now officiating as adjutants, or by a similar process as regards the controlling authorities at the War Office. The "Broad Arrow," however, takes an entirely different view of the question, and states that the Militia does not want such recruits to pass through its ranks; that it can get men as Militiamen and that is what it wants, for it wishes to exist as the Militia under its own capable officers, and not be made a recruiting agency, or nursery, for weedy Regulars. Our contemporary further states in support of its arguments that not long ago facts were brought to notice, with full particulars, giving names and places where Militia recruits have been scandalously treated at Depots by Regular Officers, and of course recruiting was injured. In another case where the old Militia system of recruiting and training recruits by Militia officers was changed, a battalion which had numbered about 1,000 men rapidly fell to less than half that number. On the general question of Militia recruiting, our contemporary goes on to say, there is the indisputable fact that ever since the Militia, was brought under the Regular Depot system the Force has steadily diminished, and latterly more rapidly than ever. On the other hand, the few battalions, which have still their own head quarters, and recruit independently of the Regulars, are for the most part well off for men. As an instance of this, attention is drawn to the 4th Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Paisley, and the recent revival of the 7th Battalion Rifle Brigade at Dalston. The latter, our contemporary claims, is entirely due to working on Militia lines independently of Regular depots. We are inclined to hold with the views of the correspondent of our contemporary who points out that if it be intended to prevent Militia recruits transferring their services to the Line, the result will be that recruiting for the Line certainly the most important of the two, will be seriously injured, while the Militia will not be in the slightest degree benefited. On the contrary we believe that the Militia will be even injured by the loss of those men who enter now, avowedly using it as a stepping stone to the Army.

LAND RECORDS IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCES. THE report upon the operations of the Department of Land Records and settlement in the Central Provinces is more interesting than usual, although it covers a period which has now been completed by more than six months. A good deal of useful work was done and in the future we may expect that still greater progress will be made; for the Land Records Establishment was considerably strengthened last year. An important increase was made in the supervising staff, the number of inspectors being increased from 27 to 40, and the staff of Patwaris has been greatly increased. In addition to this, alterations have been made which will free the officers of the various departments from minor routine details and enable them to make greater progress. This has cost the department an increased expenditure of Rs. 52,050; but there is no doubt that the enhanced prospects of remunerations and the other improvements which have been made in the duties expected from the Patwaris will result in a more efficient service. The usual programme of Land Record work was carried out. A satisfactory amount of work was accomplished, although so remarkable changes appear to have been made. Some of the duties which have been ascribed to the Patwaris are rather interesting. For instance in some of the wilder zamindaris, the sale of quinine has been entrusted to these officials. It is stated that up to the present, this additional duty has not interfered with the ordinary work of the Patwaris. As a matter of fact the staff does not appear to have succeeded in disposing of any very large quantity of the drug, so that it is hardly probable that to their efforts in this direction, great importance has been ascribed. An attempt has also been made to make the patwaris the medium of the sale of receipt stamps. However in Jubbulpore stamps to the value of only Rs. 49 were disposed of, and in the Wardha district where 49 patwaris were engaged, the sale only amounted to Rs. 365. It is therefore considered that the attempt to introduce the system has failed, and that it has not proved of any great convenience to the people. The patwaris, judging by examination results, and the remarks of the Commissioner of settlement do not appear to be a very bright or intelligent community, nor is their conduct of an exemplary character in view of the large number of punishments dealt out to them. One would have thought that an increase in pecuniary emoluments, and improved prospects, but this does not appear to have been the case.

THE PROGRESS OF THE CROPS. HARVESTING and threshing operations continue to occupy the attention of agriculturists throughout the Presidency, and operations are proceeding satisfactorily everywhere. No damage of any importance is reported this week, except from the unfortunate districts of Ratnagiri and Poona, where locusts have caused further injury to the crops; and also in Dharwar where blight has for some time been in evidence. There was no rain of any importance. The standing crops are flourishing everywhere in Sind. From Gujarat also good reports have been received. In Ahmedabad cultivators have undertaken the picking of cotton, and in the same district the planting of sugarcane is in progress, pressing having been completed. Cotton picking is also going on in Kaira, and in that district cultivators are busy with the sowing of jowari. In Surat agriculturists have undertaken the preparation of the lands for next season and they are also engaged with the irrigation of sugarcane. In the Konkan the collection and burning of rab materials is still proceeding. Throughout the various districts, locusts are still lingering, but only in Ratnagiri are they doing any serious damage. They have passed northwards over the district of Thana and have damaged the trees, but apparently the crops in that area have escaped their attention. In the Deccan general reports are good. The principal work with which cultivators are now engaged is the preparation of the land for next season. In Satara sugarcane is being pressed and planted. Elsewhere in the Presidency similar operations are going on, and except in Dharwar, all reports are favourable. Throughout Sind prices of food grains have remained stationary. In the Panch Mahals, the price of gram has fallen from 21 to 22 seers per rupee, but no other alterations of any importance are recorded in Gujarat. In Nasik the price of wheat is fluctuating and some minor fluctuations are reported from other parts of the Presidency. Cattle are healthy everywhere, and there is an abundance of fodder and water.

HER EXCELLENCY Lady Lamington in her capacity as President of the Bombay Branch of the Dufferin Fund, has nominated Mr. Justice Chandavarkar vice-President of the Branch.

LORD KITCHENER will arrive in Simla next week, though the exact date is uncertain.

THE small Commission, which is engaged in repairing the boundary pillars on the Russo-Afghan frontier, moved last month from Bala Murghab to Kala Nao, as the approach of spring will enable the work to be resumed.

BALANCES held in cash in the Civil Treasuries of the Government of India and at credit of the Government in the Presidency Banks and their Branches on the last day of March 1902, Rs. 17,82,05,000; March 1903, Rs. 1810,36,000, and March 1904, Rs. 17,80,79,000.

THE expenditure on Missions and Commissions mounts up one way and another to a considerable sum. The cost of the Tibet Mission has already been indicated: there remain the Aden Delimitation and the Seistan Boundary Commission. The escorts of these, last year, accounted for £186,00, while the Political bill was a very big one, though we have not the figures to hand. In the case of the Aden Commission, the provision made in the current year exceeds £75,000 which includes the expense of shipping troops back to India: the Political account will be comparatively small. As regards the Seistan Commission the military charges for 1904-05 are put at only £10,140, but the Political bill will be nearly £56,000. If these various sums be added together it will be seen that a good deal of money has been spent, and yet says the "Pioneer," it cannot be said that it has been wasted, for in each of the three instances action had to be taken by the Government of India to save dangerous complications in the future.

A PROFESSOR of the McGill University, Montreal, has brought out an invention which may enable ships to dispense with pilots in rivers and harbours. By means of telephones a ship's officers are enabled to keep to the line of an insulated cable laid on the bed of the navigable channel.

THE newspaper reports that the German Government intends to introduce a new Navy Bill is now generally credited (Reuter says) in Berlin. The Government, it is said, will propose to build a third squadron of battleships as soon as possible in place of the cruiser squadron proposed in the former programme, the idea being that a third squadron of battleships, with cruisers, is absolutely necessary for the protection of German trade interest abroad. Battleships, too, are regarded as the most important naval arm.

THE German War Office seems to be an even more harassed institution than is our own, which is saying a good deal. Its embarrassments, however, usually take a rather different form. The latest is reported from Essen, where the big guns come from. At a public meeting held in that town a short time back a soldier who had taken part in the Chinese expedition felt himself called upon to make serious accusation against the behaviour of various German officers on that occasion. He even went to the length of mentioning by name those whom he accused of robbery, murder an similar peccadilloes. Naturally the military authorities were informed of this, and after mature deliberation they have decided to proceed against the speaker for "defamation." This is no doubt only another way of opening an inquiry into the truth of his serious allegations Certainly the trial, which is to take place at Essen in a short time, should prove a sensational one, for the accused man is said to have called quite a little army of witnesses.

ROUMANIA is following the fashion with a new tariff, which is expected to affect the import of British textiles, and is expressly designed to encourage infant indust

MORE RUSSIAN DISASTERS

THREE VESSELS DISABLED.

RUSSIAN CAPITAL MOURNS.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 14.

The Tsar and Tsaritsa attended the memorial service at the Admiralty Church to-day.

The Tsaritsa was weeping throughout the service.

St. Petersburg in now a city of mourning. The Easter decorations are obliterated, all amusements cancelled and the cafes closed.

St. Petersburg official despatches confirm the news that the destroyer Bezstrashni was surrounded and sunk by the Japanese and adds that the battleship Pobieda struck a mine amidships, but was able to remain in port.

It is not explained whether the casualty occurred in battle or was accidental.

[The battleship Pobieda which is reported to have struck a mine is a sister ship of the Peresviet and Osslabya, all belonging to the Seberian flotilla She was built at the Baltic works at St. Petersburg being launched on May 24th, 1900. She was built of steel, has three screws, two turrets, three funnels fore and aft. and two military masts. Her length over all is 435 feet and 401 feet 3 inches between perpendiculars, beam 71 feet, 6 inches, and she has a maximum draught of 27 feet 3 inch. Her displacement is 12,674 tons and I. H. P. 14,500 equal to a speed of 19 knots. She has a coal capacity of from 1063 to 2058 tons and liquid fuel is also carried. Her engines are three sets of triple expansion verticle and she has 30 Belleville boilers with economisers. Her armour consists of a Harveyed steel belt to 30 feet from bow and stern of a thickness varying from nine inches to six inches. The bulk-heads have nine inch protection, lower deck amidships and casemates six inches, turrets and bases ten inches, besides a protected deck 4 1-2 inchee thick on slopes. The armament consists of four ten-inch breech loading guns (45 cals.) ; ten 6-inch quick firers (45 cals.) in casemates ; one 6-inch quick firer in unarmoured bow battery ; twenty 12 pounder quickfirers in shields, 26 small quick firers and machine guns, six torpedo tubes, four submerged, one above water in the bow and one above water in the stern. The complement of the vessel numbers 724 men.

The Beztraschni was one of the largest and fastest destroyers of the Port Arthur flotilla, having a displacement of 350 tons, and a reputed speed of 27 knots. She was 200 ft. in length and 23 ft. beam, with a maximum draught of 11 ft. 10 in. She was fitted with three torpedo tubes, and was built at Elbing, and launched in 1899. She was formerly named the Delfin.

The Bayan is a first-class armoured cruiser of 8,000 tons, launched at La Seyne in 1900. She is of the same class as the Gromoboi. Her principal armament consists of two 8-in. and eight 6-in. guns, and she has a speed of about 21 knots. Her armour consists of a Krupp steel belt 4 feet below to 2 feet above the water line, from bow to mainmast 8 in. to 4 in., upper belt to main deck 3 in. Armour on redoubts 3 in, turrets and bases 7 in, protection deck 1½ in. 2 in, on slopes; conning tower 6½ in; tube 3 in. The length of the Bayan is 443 ft., beam 57, draught 22 ft. She has 2 screws, 2 main deck redoubts, 2 turrets, 4 funnels and 2 masts.]

LONDON, APRIL 15.

Vice-Admiral Skeydloff, commanding the Black Sea fleet, has been appointed to succeed the late Admiral Makaroff.

Admiral Alexieeff has left Mukden for Port Arthur.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 15.

A special cable from the "Pioneer's" correspondent, dated London, the 14th April, says that the Kaiser has wired to the Tsar of Russia "Germany is mourning for the death of Admiral Makaroff."

The general tone of the English press on the death of the Russian Admiral is sympathetic, best Parliamentary opinion is confident that the naval disaster will not impress Russia as would a disaster of a similar magnitude on land.

COLOMBO, APRIL 14.

Telegrams to the Australian papers, dated London, April 5th, state: The "Daily Express" is responsible for the statement that Admiral Togo has requisitioned 28 useless steamers to be stripped of everything except their navigation machinery They are to be sent in batches of six to block Port Arthur.

Russia's action declaring Newchwang in a state of war annuls all treaty rights of neutral Powers, and also interferes with consular jurisdiction. It is believed to be intended as a challenge to the neutral Powers. Bands of Chinese brigands are collecting near the town with a view to plunder in the event a Russian retreat.

The "Novosti" acknowledges that the attitude of Britain has been absolutely correct, and advocates an Anglo-Franco-Russian alliance as being calculated to insure universal peace. It considers that outstanding difficulties could be easily arranged.

Russia intends to arm her Volunteer Fleet and use them for the conveyance of reinforcements and to convert them into cruisers and destroyers.

Three British battleships and six cruisers have sailed northward from Hongkong.

The Paris "Temps" states General Kuropatkin will have half a million troops at his disposal by the end of May.

The "Daily Chronicle" states Russian agents have vainly tried in France, Germany and England to raise a loan, and that Russia has now no alternative but to resort to the issue of a forced paper currency.

Mr. Hayashi, the Japanese Consul in Bombay writes: -

The following telegram was received this morning from my Government :—

"Admiral Uria reported : According to a report of our third flotilla of destroyers our squadron approached Port Arthur on the 15th and sunk a war vessel of Petropavlovsk type and a destroyer. No damage to our squadron. No report yet received from Admiral Togo."

Telegrams to the "Straits Echo" dated March 1st state :—The Russian squadron left Port Arthur and met the Japanese press steamer Sanuki Maru, whilst corresponding on board, between Pei-hai-wei and Chefoo. The Russians fired into and sank her.

The Hayrel, a steamer carrying Japanese war correspondents, while cruising in the neighbourhood of the Miaton Islands, mistook a flotilla of Russian destroyers for Japanese, and was sunk. The Russians took several prisoners. The news was brought by the people who hid from the Russians on the islands.

London.

It [illegible] Blagovisk, [illegible]

respondents. The reason given for the seizure of the vessel is that she had a Japanese interpreter on board.

INDIAN ARMY OFFICERS AND THE WAR.

DIARIES OF THE STRUGGLE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 15.

All officers of and below the rank of Major serving in District employ are to prepare diaries and maps of the Russo-Japanese War. They are required to comment on the events of the war and the diaries are to be shown weekly to the C. O.s, who will bring to the notice of the G. O. C. any special merit.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

THE BRITISH SUBMARINE DISASTER.

Fund for Widows and Orphans.

JAPANESE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

LONDON, APRIL 15.

The Japanese Naval Attache has forwarded to the fund for the widows and orphans of those lost in the British submarine. Twenty-three pounds was subscribed by the Japanese Naval officers in England with a message of profound sympathy.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

In bringing forward the Army Estimates, Mr. Arnold Forster said that henceforth the estimates would be prepared with reference to districts on the basis of the recommendations of Lord Esher's Committee.

The army corps organisation will be discontinued and another form of division substituted.

THE CRAVEN STAKES.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

The following is the result of the race for the Craven Stakes :—

Airlie	1
Grey Plume	2
Esquire	3

STORM IN BENGAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 15.

Canon W. H. Ball of the Church Missionary Society is appealing for help for certain villagers who have been rendered houseless by a cyclonic storm which swept over Nadia on last Sunday evening. In the Mission compound, three children were killed by a falling wall, and a mother and two children were killed in another village. There is hardly a house which did not suffer.

ADVOCATE GENERALSHIP OF BENGAL.

Mr. J. T. Woodroffe, the Advocate General retires next month and will be succeeded by Mr. O'Kinealy, Barrister.

TRAMWAY ACCIDENTS IN CALCUTTA.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

Mrs. Wilder, wife of Mr. Wilder, late clerk in the Works Department of the Calcutta Municipality who in April 1903 was run over and killed in Wellesley Street, by a tram car, has filed a suit in the High Court, claiming Rs. 25,000 as damages. The death of her husband, she says, was caused by negligence and unskilfulness on the part of the Tramway Company.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The following officers are permitted to retire :—

Major Thomson 107th Pioneers with effect from the 17th proximo.

Colonel J. C. F. Gordon with effect from the 2nd ultimo, and Colonel F. C. Burton with effect from the last day of February.

Colonel P. Mansfield Officiates as Inspector-General of Supply and Transport Punjab vice Colonel Hawkes on leave.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wickham officiating as Deputy Director General of Transport vice Mansfield and and Major F. C. W. Rideout officiating as Deputy Inspector General Burma vice Wickham.

Captain Baker Carr 3rd Rifle Brigade is appointed to be extra A. D. C. to the Viceroy.

Lieutenant-Colonel Murray, of the Calcutta Medical College is promoted to Colonel while officiating as Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals in the United Provinces vice Colonel Joubert on leave.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. H. Gwyn to be sub-Lieutenant.

Engineer D. Greenish has an extension of leave at home for three months.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Major R. Bird I.M.S., is appointed to officiate in the Medical College Calcutta, vice Colonel Murray who is acting as Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals United Provinces.

Colonel B. O'Brien I.M.S., is reposted to Military employ.

The appointment is gazetted of Mr. Frank Bodilly to the Calcutta High Court Bench.

The Rev. R. N. Ninis is appointed to the Lucknow establishment and the Rev. A. Cole to the Lahore establishment as junior Chaplains.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SIMLA, APRIL 14.

The following Royal Field Artillery reliefs for the coming season have been sanctioned : The Nineteenth, Twenty-eight, and Twentieth Batteries from South Africa to Allahabad, Barrackpore, and Dinapore respectively, the Sixty-third Battery from Allahabad to Saugor, the Sixty-fourth, from Barrackpore to Jubbulpore, the Seventy-third from Dinapore to Jubbulpore, the Eightieth from Saugor to Mean Meer ; the Eleventh from Jubbulpore to Ferozepore, the Fifty-second, from Jubbulpore to Mean Meer, the Sixty-seventh from Mean Meer to Peshawar ; the Thirteenth, Ferozepore to Rawalpindi ; the Sixty-ninth Mean Meer, to Rawalpindi, the Third, Peshawar to Meerut ; the Thirtieth, Rawalpindi to Meerut ; the Fifty-seventh, Rawalpindi to Bareilly, the Twenty-fourth and Seventy second, Meerut to England ; and the Thirty-fourth, Bareilly to England.

The following Native Artillery reliefs are sanctioned. Two guns of the Hazara Mountain Battery from Nowshera to Chitral, two guns, Number Thirty, Mountain Battery, Chitral to Abbottabad, Number Thirty Mountain Battery, Abbottabad to Bhamo, 26th Yacobs Mountain Battery, Bhamo to Kohat ; Twenty-first Kohat Battery, Kohat to Abbottabad.

Mr. Manson, Deputy Manager of the Eastern Bengal State Railway, officiates as manager of that railway vice Colonel Constable proceeding on leave.

The following Artillery postings have been ordered :—Garrison Major Birch to 69th Company, Major Duhan to No. 6 depot, Great Yarmouth ; Captain Langhorne to 60th Company ; Major Gooch, from Bermuda to 59th Company, India ; Captain Owen, from No. 27 Company to No. 5 Mountain Battery ; Lieut. Page from No. 97, to No. 101, Company ; Field Lieut. Crosier, from No. 2 depot to 62nd Battery ; Captain Forsyth from 1st to 30th Battery on promotion ; Major Stewart from 14ist to 35th Battery ; 2nd Lieut. Lee, from 130th to 1st Battery ; Hope Captain Kay, from Trimulgherry to [illegible]

THE POONA FORGERY CASE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, APRIL 15.

The case against James Herbert Maybury, formerly steward in the Napier Hotel, came before Mr. Lucas, the Sessions Judge. The accused was charged with forging a cheque and with cheating. Mr. Davar, the Public Prosecutor, opened the case, briefly explaining to the jury the offence with which the accused was charged. Then the following evidence was recorded.

Joseph Jacob, a clerk, in the Deccan Bank was examined and gave the same evidence as before, how the cheque was cashed and the money given to two servants. The cheque was sent to the National Bank to recover from the Mercantile Bank, the latter refused to pay ; the cheque was returned to Poona, the cheque was sent to Mr. Dorabji Dadabhoy Bootee who returned it saying he knew nothing about it.

Babu Nandan, a pardesi peon, of the Hotel, who had been dismissed some time previously, said he went to the Hotel on 27th February, the accused asked him why he came there, he replied he had come for his pay ; the accused called him into his room and handed a cheque for Rs. 400 and asked him to get it cashed, when he got out of the room, Soloman came, and both went to the Deccan Bank and got the cheque cashed and gave the money to the accused.

Joseph Jacob, when recalled, indentified the false cheque, also the letter sent by the National Bank ; and further said that frequently he cashed cheques for the Napier Hotel for people in the ordinary course of business without inquiry.

Mr. Agmar, clerk in the National Bank said he had been in the service of the Bank, for nearly eleven years ; the Bank[did] business with the Deccan Bank. On 29th February he got a cheque, produced, with instructions to collect from the Mercantile Bank and to place the sum to the credit of the Deccan Bank. The Mercantile Bank refused payment. He sent the cheque back ; on inquiries made at the Mercantile Bank, he found out that the cheque form was stolen from a cheque book of one of their customers.

Eduljee Nusserwanjee, the ledger clerk in the Mercantile Bank, said he received the cheque on 29th February from the National Bank. We had no J. Smith holding accounts, We were informed by Warwick Peile that two cheque forms were stolen, one bearing the number of the returned cheque.

Solomon Rahaman repeated the evidance as to going with the Perdesi to get the cheque cashed.

Johu Lawrence De Souza, barman of the hotel, deposed to seeing the two witnesses, Soloman and Nandan, giving money to the accused.

Mr. Dorabjee Dadabhoy Bootee, the director of the Napier Hotel Company said, the accused was in service from September 15th to February 29th as steward on a salary of Rs. 25. The accused was hard up and several times applied for money. He could not swear that the writing on the cheque was of the accused, but it greatly resembled it. He knew Southwood ; but the latter was not in the service of the hotel. On 27th February the accused, gave notice. The accused said that Mr. Bootee had paid him nothing since December, but told him to stop and that he would better his prospects. Witness said as a matter of fact the accused always was drawing small sums and he owed the Company about Rs 60.

Samuel Goopekar, a Christian clerk, in the Napier Hotel said he knew the handwritting of the accused, but could only partially identify words as being of the accused, who was in the habit of writing to Bootee for money ; Bootee was a bad paymaster.

The witness was asked by the Court, if it was true that Bootee was a bad paymaster. He replied that the accused owed the hotel some 50 to 60 rupees, therefore he was not a bad or good paymaster, but did not pay servants until the 20th of the month.

Mr. Sadashiv Pimpalkar, a drawing master in the College of Science, gave evidence as to the cheque being in the same handwriting as that of the chits. The chits and the cheque were handed over to the Judge and his Honor immediately pointed out that the word February was spelt differently in two places, one on the cheque and the other on the chits.

Sergeant Ross deposed to going to Calcutta for bringing the accused to Poona. No further evidence having been recorded, the accused's statement was read which was published in your issue of the 25th ult'

The accused was asked by the Court if he had to say anything further, he said that he did not write the cheque and that Miss Southwood saw Southwood giving him the cheque ; that he had been a dupe of Southwood who made a tool of him ; therefore he could only throw himself upon the mercy of the Court.

The Judge asked him who Miss Southwood was. He said that she was Southwood's niece. The accused reiterated his wish to call her. She had gone to Calcutta, he did not know where she is now.

The Judge said, if Miss Southwood could give evidence, she should be called. The case was adjourned till Monday.

PROSPECTS OF INDIAN CROPS.

SIMLA, APRIL 15.

Showers have occurred during the past week over the greater part of Northern and Peninsular India. There is no change in the agriculture situation.

THE AMIR OF KABUL.

WOUND HEALING.

SIMLA, APRIL 15.

News dated the 8th instant from Kabul states that the injury from the recent gun accident to the Amir's hand continues to progress favourably, and that it is hoped that it will be healed in a few days.

BOMBAY'S NEW DOCK.

THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held yesterday to consider the tenders for the excavation and masonry work of the new docks, a report was read by the Docks Committee dated 14th April stating that the following is an abstract of the tenders received:—

	Amount. Rs.	Date of Completion.
Messrs. Pearson and Son	20944953	1st June 1912.
" Lowther & Co.	19830817	1st " 1910.
" Price Wills & Reeves	19704015	1st " 1912.
" Kirby & Co.	17101367	15 April 1911.
Engineer's Estimate	17713806	1st June 1910.

It was observed that it has been decided that the work of removing the dam to be done with the aid of the Trustees' dredging plant shall be carried out departmentally and excluded from the contract; that Messrs. Lowther and Co. have also reduced their rate for one of the items of the contract and with these corrections, the tenders of the following firms stand at—

	Amount. Rs.
Messrs. Lowther and Co.	1,89,64,102
Messrs. Price Wills and Reeves	1,85,01,015

And that the representative of Messrs. Price Wills and Reeves has consented on further consideration to alter the date for completion to 1st June, 1911. The committee after full consideration of all the tenders unanimously recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs Price Wills and Reeves, a contracting firm of the highest standing, having extensive experience in dock and harbour work.

It was further recommended that the contract shall embody provision for the grant of a bonus to the contractor of Rs. 400,000 if the work is completed by 1st June 1910 and Rs. 200,000 if completed by 1st January 1911.

Allowing credit per value of stone from excavation to be used in the masonry and for the removal of the dam to be done departmentally, the tender is Rs. 9 1-2 lakhs in excess of the Engineer's estimate, but it is anticipated that this will be fully covered by savings on other items and there will be no excess on the total. The following resolution was passed :—The tender of Messrs Price Wills and Reeves submitted with their letter dated March 21st 1904, omitting the removal of dam as per their letter of 19th April 1904 and the time for completion being altered to 1st June 1911 as per their letter of 12th April 1904 is accepted [illegible]

THE TIBET MISSION.

OCCUPATION OF GYANTSE.

FIGHTING ON THE MARCH.

CHALU, APRIL 14.

Gyantse, April 12th :—The Mission arrived here yesterday, after an arduous eight days' marching. This morning General Macdonald took peaceful possession of the fort from the Chinese and Tibetan officials.

There was some fighting on the march. The mounted infantry were several times fired on, and quite an action took place at a gorge about sixteen miles from here. The Tibetans occupied a series of parallel ridges round which a narrow stony path wound almost at right angles. This gave a lot of trouble before it was finally turned. The earlier part of the action was fought in a snowstorm. We had one Sikh severely wounded. The Tibetan loss is estimated at 150.

During the march the inclemency of the weather caused far greater hardship than the Tibetan opposition. Several times the camp was pitched in a snowstorm and generally intense cold prevailed in the early morning when the tents were struck. Two followers died during the march. The route lay through an intersecting and unknown country. Two great lakes swarming with ducks and geese were passed on the road. After the lakes the route runs through a succession of deep gorges entirely blotting out the view. The hills for the most part are bare and devoid of vegetation, but the valleys showed signs of cultivation. A large number of villages, many in ruins, were seen and the climate here was temperate.

The Gyantse plain is ten or twelve miles wide The Fort is located on a gigantic rock like Edinborough Castle. Beyond is a large and apparently very wealthy monastery swarming with red robe Lamas. The monastery was visited this morning by General Macdonall, who informed the Abbot that the priests would not be interfered with provided they maintained a peaceful attitute. Four Lhassa officials are said to be on the way to an interview with Colonel Younghusband, but there is no news of the Amban.

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL.

THE ALLEGED CONGO ATROCITIES.

BELGIAN OFFICER LIBELLED.

COLOMBO, APRIL 14.

The Australian Papers contain the following :—A British jury has awarded Captain Derayser, a Belgian officer, £500 damages for libels contained in Captain Burrow's book "The Curse of Central Africa."

CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE POPE.

The Sacred College of Cardinals has been informed of the existence in America of a conspiracy to assassinate His Holiness the Pope. The Italian Government was also informed of the conspiracy, and there has been the greatest vigilance around the Vatican.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

AWARD OF MEDALS.

The Royal Geographical Society has awarded its World Medals for discoveries in 1903 to Sir H. Johnston, and Commander Scott, of the Discovery. The Murchison Prize has been awarded to Captain Colbeck, of the relief ship Morning.

AFFAIRS IN THE BALKANS.

PRUDENT MACEDONIANS.

In the House of Commons, Lord Percy said Government was in possession of information to the effect that the Macedonians were not inclined to face the risk of a useless struggle against Turkey.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

The following passengers proceed to-day, by the P. and O. Co.'s steamer Egypt for Marseilles and London :—

Hon Mr Justice Ameer Ali
Mr H L Allaseon
Rev S S Allnutt
Lt-Col and Mrs J Anderson
Mr D Annan
Mrs C G Baker
Mr F Armitage
Mrs C Bayley and child
Miss Bauzeley
Lieut F W Barrett
Mr S B Barucha
Mr W J M Beresford
Mr J M Bestock
Bishop of Lahore
Mr Blyth
Mrs Hose and child
Mr C Bompas
Lt-Col H B Briggs
Mrs A Brown
Hon Mr H L Bruce
Mr C W Carron
Mr G J Catto
Mr and Mrs W F Chalmers, child and infant
Mr and Mrs Chovis, infant and 2 children
Mr and Mrs G H Cordeux
Miss Crozier
Miss Rodie Mills
Mr A S Davas
Mrs DeMello
Miss M A Devenish
Mr D T Dewar
Capt J H Dickson and child
Capt and Mrs Mc K Walker, child and infant
Mr and Mrs N C Dietz
Mr P C Dolphin
Major Dono
Miss K M Dood
Mr P Draper
Mrs J Dunbar
Lt-Col W Dunlop
Mr H Dunn
Mr and Mrs Dunlop, child and infant
Mr R M Engineer
Mr F W Ellis
Mr and Mrs C P Fox, and child
Lt-Col Nelson Fraser
Mrs Fraser
Mrs L O Fryer
Mr H Gamons
Mr A Gledstanes
Miss Walk-r
Mr D Gubbay
Capt and Mrs L A C Hanmer
Mr E P Hare
Mr H W E Hawkins
Mrs Le Ray
Mr F D Hickman
Mrs E Hobart-Hampden, child and infant
Mr J E Fitz
Mrs Bhika Hurmusjee
Miss Howej
Mr J H Howell
Lt-Col and Mrs L C Hyde
Mr J D Inversarity
Sir Lawrence Jenkins
Lady Jenkins
Mr and Mrs Rose Johnson
Mr and Mrs D C Jounstone
Mr G S Jones
Capt A C Kennedy
Mr and Mrs A C King
Mr and Mrs W D Kirkman
Mr Maitland Kirwan
Two Misses Leadbitter
Mr J W Leaford
Mr J B Leyenthorpes
Mr E A C Lister
Major and Mrs Low
Miss Luce
Mr P E Lyne
Miss Macdonnell
Mr A Macdonell
Mr R H Macleod
Mr J Macmillican
Mrs H A Macleod, and child
Mr W R T Mackay
Mr C Marshall
Mr J Martin
Mr C J W Hayne
Mr and Mrs D B Mehta
Mr E Meyer
Mr J McGeorge
Mr and Mrs A Mellor and infant
Mr E Meyer
Mr H L Milne
Mr J Mitchell
Mr R Mitra
Col M D Moriarty
Miss Moriarty
Mr F Morris
Mr and Mrs M Moses
Professor O V Muller
Mr G W Murrey
Mr Nelson
Mrs Nicholson, and 2 Misses
Lt H E Norton
Lt-Col Mrs O'Donnell and infant
Mr C F O'Dowda
Mr W Page
Mrs Parsons and 2 infants
Mrs G Pearson
Miss M T A Pearson
Mrs Pearson and infant
Mr and Mrs H Peachey
Miss Mary Peto
Miss Pitcher
Hon Mr Justice J Pratt
Mrs A Ralph
Mrs Daywell and 3 children
Col and Mrs G B Renny
Capt and Mrs Rickford, son and daughter
Mr and Mrs Rodwell and two sons
Mr H M Ross
Lt and Mrs F P P Rouse
Capt W Scott
Mr H Sharp
Mr George Sim
Mr and Mrs E Simmons
Mr J A Simpson
Lt-Col J C Smith
Mr Rajia F Singh
Major O Sondhamire
Mr A Spence
Mr J H M Stevenson
Mr C H Stokes.
Lady Stanley
Miss D Stephen
Col and Mrs V N Stockley
Mr Styan
Mr and Mrs H W Swayne
Mr H B Thompson
Miss Tilling
Miss Tracey
Mr [illegible] Wallace
Mr W H Todd
Mr A Woods
Major and Mrs W H E Wood-wright
Mr and Mrs F J Varley
Mr and Mrs Booby and child
Mr G A Phillips
Mr Sorab Pestonjee
Mr Shujaoodeen E Kurwa
Mr P F S Cross.
Mr and Mrs J Dame
Major and Mrs G S Broome and infant
Hon Mr T Raleigh
Mr W J M McCaw
Mr and Mrs Regbie and infant
Lt and Mrs R Carson and infant
Mr A S Thompson
Col R F Francis
Rev W G Proctor
Mrs Proctor, 3 children and 2 infants
Mr Wm Kidd
Mrs Devon and infant
Mr H J Woodman
Lt W F Parsons
Lord Alfred Browne
Mr K M Kirkhope
Mr Ross Scott
Lt F E Radwick
Capt and Mrs A Begbie and child
Capt H R Stookley
Mr A F Gurr
Mr R G Monteath
Lt H Oppenheim
Mr Stephens
Dr B S Postwalla
Capt E S Hill
Mr Huddleston, child of Col Gastroil
Mr and Mrs J B Spedding
Mr S M Mistry
Mr and Mrs H A K Soonee
Lt F H Harvey
Mr Julee Bhaylee
Mr and Mrs H Berry
Mr W Elkin
Mrs G Palmer and infant
Capt W M and Mrs Burrell
Mr H P Craig
Mr R F Throeshillds
Miss M H L Cole
Mr J Anton
Mr and Mrs H N Collart
Mr N B Bavasaroft
Mr G A Tweedy
Lt-Col J W Cowley
Miss G Johnston
Major W K Macleod
Lt st Burgo
Col E G Henshaw
Capt W W McGregor
Lt F J Gillespie
Mr J R Tanish
Mr Graham White
Miss Bate
Miss Hamilton Smith
Lt Lord A R Innes-ker
Mr and Mrs J Proctor Watson
Mr A W Ward
Mr N P Vakil
Mr S D Cama
Miss Cliborn
Mr Hibbard
Mr Edwards
Mr R E Reporter
Miss F Wholley
Mr and Mrs E Lawrence
Mr and Mrs A H Pirie
Mr G Murray
Major A X Reily
Mr A Bayley
Mr and Mrs Ryle
Mr W Branson
Mr L H Khan
Mrs Chandabhai
Mrs Ingle
Mrs Merritt
Mr and Mrs T J Ward
Mrs Ward and child
Mr Samiuddin
Mr Justice Russell
Mrs Louis F Russell
Miss Russell
Mrs Henry H Williams and infant
Mr Geo Williamson
Mrs M Hakins and infant
Major C M Cartwright
Mr Douglas Stewart
Capt H W G Lowe
Miss G McDermott
Mr and Mrs J R Greaves
Mr and Mrs I M Shields
Mr M U F Chapman
Mrs Ferguson and infant
Capt and Mrs Bruce and 2 infants
Miss Schofield
Miss Lee-Anderson
Mr M B Horasker
Mr and Mrs W W Oswald
Miss Graham
Capt R H Dick Cunyngham
Mr F C E Shaw
Lt C Nelson
Hon H L Bruce
Lt A E H Loy
Maj H A F Magrath
Capt E S Peck
Br Gen'l R Purdy
Miss Larkin
Mr F Wadford
Mr M C Sowrs
Mr A Hoosein
Mr Saunders
Mr J C Kiddle
Mr G K Remington
Lt G F Farran
Capt H C Bickford
Lt G A Sullivan
Capt H L Garnegy
Lt E K S Bennett
Mr Murdoch
Col P K L Reevor
Lt-Col O H Macdonald and Mrs
Capt E Tatchell
Miss Phyllis McKenzie
Mr H Brandford
Mr S E Pears
Lt K T Redpath
Mr Jenkins and Miss Batty
Mrs E Malden
[illegible] and infant
Lt [illegible]
Lt [illegible]

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

The New Spring Etons.

WOMEN IN OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

THE SHAMROCK LEAGUE.

LONDON, MARCH 25

The very plainest of the spring Etons are fanciful little creations. There is a bewildering display of galloons and braids, of lace and passementeries, from which to choose. The dainty French wrist ruffles and puffed undersleeves add much to the appearance of most of the spring jackets. These are of lace, of net, and of all varieties of white washing materials, lace incrusted or plain. Some of the prettiest of the underpuffs are of white mousseline de soie, with wrist ruffles edged with narrow Valenciennes lace. As a reaction from the long-haired zibelines and camel's hair effects which have been worn during the winter, a great many of the spring suits are fashioned in smooth, finished cloths, Ladies' cloth, woollen canvas, tweeds and the light-weight cheviots are all correct for spring wear. It is prophesied that this will be a great season for the voiles, but they are naturally for the more elaborate dress than the tailored suits. The double or tunic skirt is seen in many of the new suits. It is the forerunner of the numerous ruffles and volants which will adorn the summer dress skirts. A rather dressy pedestrian costume, which has one of these tunic skirts is of bisque cloth, trimmed with bisque and white braid. The tight-fitting collarless Eton is closely braided down the front. It has an elaborate pelerine or shoulder cape. This latter is pointed in the back, suggests a shawl over the shoulders and ends in points, trimmed with braid ornaments on each side of the front.

The coat sleeves puff moderately over narrow braid trimmed cuffs. Smart ruffles of cream lace give a dainty finish at the wrists. The tunic skirt is edged with two rows of the braid. It is cleverly fitted over the hips by means of length-wise tucks. The underskirt is decorated and stiffened round the hem by many rows of stitching. There is an evident desire to carry out a definite colour scheme when selecting the silk blouse which generally accompanies an Eton suit. The blouse of a broken plaid tweed suit repeats the grey and blues of its tones. The tweed is used with plain blue cloth in a double effect scalloped bolero. The short rounded Eton is edged with gilt braid. Although without a standing collar, it is fastened at the throat by a gilt and plum-coloured cord. Below it parts to show the trim silk blouse of the same shade of silk. The gold braid also edges the cape collar, and serves as a cuff to the full sleeve. The silk blouse sleeve forms an undersleeve puff beneath. A crush girdle of the silk gives a natty finish to the suit. Cloth is being combined with Bulgarian embroideries with striking effect. A biege cloth is charmingly made over brown taffeta silk. Strappings of the same silk form a considerable part of the suit trimming. The tight-fitting Eton is cut with long shoulder seams and fitted belt. It has a narrow vest of the Bulgarian embroidery, and is further trimmed by narrow tucks and by mounted strips of silk over the shoulders The full sleeves droop over shaped cuffs ornamented by the stitched silk bands. Wide lace ruffles fall gracefully over the wrists. The skirt has a deep hip yoke, to which the deep double box pleats are attached. These are stitched down for a few inches, and then left to flare.

Once more invading woman has come before the public. Only the other day she was refused admittance to the courts of law. Now she reappears in the guise of the lady journalist, in which capacity, according to Mr. Spencer Leigh Hunt's speech at the Institute of Journalists, she is proving herself a success, i. we may take it that "the fast disappearing male journalist" constitutes the success of the female journalist. Mr. Beerbohm Tree also has been saying a good word for the sex, admitting that on the stage women are men's equals, if not their superiors ; while each year we are growing more accustomed to find lady doctors practising in our midst. Still, in face of it all, the Law remains conservative, refusing to recognise the lady advocate and resolutely shutting her outside its doors. Yet in the United States women have been very generally admitted to the profession and have even been allowed to plead before the Supreme Court. They were also admitted for some time in the Russian courts, though later the concession was lost, and an Imperial order in 1876 excluded women from following the profession of advocate. Even here in England woman has created a precedent for herself, for it is on record that at least one woman has already figured on the Bench. For while serving the office of High Sheriff of Westmorland, Anne Countess of Pembroke sat in person with the judges on the Bench at Appleby.

Real lace enters largely into the composition of many of the prettiest of the new blouses, little yokes and chemisettes being frequently made entirely in Bruges, Honiton, or Brussels lace. This introduction of a small piece of good real lace seems to lend distinction to the simplest and most commonplace blouse, while upon the smarter kind of bodices elaborate insertions, wide yokes, and even deep cape collars of real lace play a prominent part. For everyday blouses in Vyella or in figured delaine the wide oak and Cluny laces are most suitable of all, though there are certain coarse Torchon laces which make up most effectively. They are sometimes arranged with wide insertions to form a yoke back and front, as well as over the shoulders, and then continued in long lines down the outer part of the arm. Complete blouses of real lace have a charm of their own, especially when they are made up over white chiffon first, and then over a lining of soft white satin. For dainty travelling costumes these real lace blouses are greatly in request, and they look particularly smart worn with a skirt and a little bolero coat of fine white cloth or serge, trimmed with white silk braid. White crepe de chine blouses are suitable for these occasions also, adorned with many little tucks and gatherings, and beautified with insertions of silk Cluny lace.

The Shamrock League, started some time ago by Lady Limerick has each year become more and more popular. Not only has it materially benefited the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, but it has done a great deal towards popularising in England the tiny trefoil which grows so thickly on the tops of walls and ditches, and was formerly used as food by the poor people in the South of Ireland, who enjoyed a diet consisting of "butter new cheese curds, and shamrocks." Ever since the time when it was immortalised by St. Patrick, who plucking it from the hillside, held it up to his half-Christianised followers as an emblem of the Trinity, the shamrock has been supposed to possess some inherent charm. For centuries it has been worn on the Saint's day by Irishmen all the world over, who, in true Irish fashion, pin it on the peaks in the shape of a cross. It may not be generally known that among the many things attributed to St. Partick is a reputation for wife-beating. For if by chance it happens to rain on March 18, the day following St. Patrick's which is devoted to St. Sheelah, the wife of the Saint, the expression is frequently made use of in various parts of Ireland that "St. Patrick is beating his wife."

From France comes ribbon embroidery, the latest revival in fancy work. Ribbon embroidery was introduced by the Court ladies at Trianon in the time of Louis XVI., and since then it has always been more or less popular. Probably one reason for this is its simplicity, for any one who is handy with a needle can do this work after the pattern is once stamped. Each time there is a revival of this fine art there is some new wrinkle to give it variety. The last time white linen, because of its durability and washing qualities, was the favourite material for the foundation. Now satins and moires are preferred, although linens are still to be seen. The ribbons used are especially woven for the purpose, and they come in plain as well as tinted shades. They are so soft in texture that they are easily threaded into a crewel needle, having a long eye and a sharp point. One of the newest ideas, which is the epitome of daintiness, is an "engagement case," which may be of any size or shape, but which should contain seven pockets for the days of the week.

A pretty one is made of a piece of cardboard, cut round at the top and bottom. It is covered with pink moire silk, the boudoir, or favourite colour, and has "engagements" stamped at the top, with a bow-knot and forget-me-nots underneath. The bow-knot is outlined with thin blue silk ribbon, the same as is used for the flowers. There are seven pockets, embroidered with forget-me-nots here and there, and having pink ribbon for hinges. These cases are marked in gilt letters with the names of the days of the week. Some of the prettiest photograph frames to be seen this season are made of moire and ribbon embroidery. One especially dainty frame is made of white moire, with purple violets embroidered with the thin silk ribbon. The frame is bound with white satin ribbon. Clover blossoms and the thistles are also much in vogue for this work. Sometimes spangles or tiny beads are introduced into the design in a bow-knot or circle, or are dotted here and there Tiossi cord is occasionally used for outlining. A practical veil-case is of yellow moire, embroidered with white roses and buds and [illegible]

glove boxes are made of cardboard and covered with moire, partitions and all. The cover is padded, scented and embroidered with fanciful designs.

The resurrection of Woman's Suffrage by Sir Charles McLaren reminds one that the fair sex's desire for political recognition is no modern craze, but one that is venerable from antiquity. From Plutarch we learn that women had the prerogative to sit and deliberate in great councils in cases relating to civil administrations, and peace and war; from Tacitus, that Boadicea was without doubt a deliberative member of the council when the resolution was taken to fight the Romans ; from Cæsar, that British women were made use of in court council, and camp; and from Gordon's "Antiquities of Parliament," that ladies of birth and quality sat in council with the Saxon Witas. In the reign of Edward III. it is on record that Mary Countess of Norfolk, Elinor Countess of Ormond, Agnes Countess of Pembroke, Phillipa Countess of March, and Katherine Countess of Athol, all being Irish landowners, were summoned to attend Parliament in respect of Irish affairs; while even as late as the reign of George III. there is an instance of a fair Quakeress seizing the opportunity, after his Majesty had prorogued the Houses of Parliament to preach a sermon for half an hour against the vanity of dress. But neither one of these authorities throws any light upon the point raised by "Truth" some years ago as to whether "the lady who may lead her Majesty's Opposition will sit in a similar attitude to Mr. Balfour—viz., with her feet resting on the table, legs tilted to an angle of forty-five degrees."

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...the manufacturer, but ... it appears, might cause ... to India. There can ... principles that have been so ... England, are common to the ... trade countries, but every ... in India finds so many differ... existing between the work as ... here, that to invite an English ... position for us without previous ... in India would, to say the least, ... risk of failure. This matter ... story of cotton spinning in Bombay, ... as much practical attention from ... as some other subjects, we should ... test the possibility of friction with ... ve of Government. I have read in the ... Journals that mill ventilation must ... major factors: the supply of good ... of our operatives and of moisture ... fibre in process of manipulation. We ... utilise the wind, but have found it a ... able agent, both as regards velocity and ... The operatives and the cotton ... perfectly regulate supply. This we are ... with the aid of our prime movers. We ... to on the supply, per head (and per hour, ... air; on the system of moistening it when ... previous to distribution and on the best ... of ventilation, in order to avoid excessive ... For years past the "Indian Textile ... has given special attention to the ... of mill ventilation, not in a mere chronicle ... ets and inventions but in ably written articles ... on special and intimate knowledge of the local ... ions of manufacture, and of the varied meteoro... conditions of the manufacturing districts ... Information has not been appreciated at its just ... although it contains the essence of the informa... that we are in need of at present.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS.

The registration of trade-marks has been no doubt a very arduous task and the alphabetical order will make it easy of reference. Matters could be much simplified if everybody concerned co-operated with the secretary and called at the office of the Registrar when required. As for the economic factors affecting the trade, I will leave to my able colleagues who will follow me to expound their views thereon. The industrial water rate is another factor claiming our attention. It is good that we can count on the sympathies of capable men in the Corporation whose able exposition of the apparent injustice to trade will secure us the redemption eagerly sought for. At any rate we fully expect a compromise as regards the water consumed for drinking and ablution purposes by the mill-hands during working hours. In spite of our repeated protests against its imposition, I am afraid we can expect little encouragement from Government in the direction of cotton duties. I leave this matter to be dealt with by other members. It is more than likely that for some time to come India will not be rid of the dire epidemic of plague, and the question of housing the mill operatives assumes a grave and economic aspect. The Bombay Improvement Trust has come forward to solve what is undoubtedly a difficult question, and in the interests of operatives as well as the industry every mill owner ought to co-operate with the Trust in securing the labouring class healthy quarters with reasonable rents. As for the short reeling of yarn I trust our vice-president, who was one of the Committee and well conversant with the subject, will favour the Association with his views. Before I resume my seat I should like to say a word or two about the Imperial Federation and the Fiscal Policy of the ex-Colonial Secretary. It is out of place to speculate here as to the issues involved, but all I desire is that if India is to be included in the preferential arrangement, her interests will be safeguarded.

MR. SASSON J. DAVID.

Mr. Sasson J. David seconded the adoption of the report he said:—I shall not persist, I take this opportunity to supplement his remarks with a few words in reference to some of the questions that have been occupying our time and attention during the year under review. Speaking both as a millowner and a shipper of yarn I may say that the year 1903 has been a record one as regards exports to China. The increase in shipments was due to a combination of circumstances that are unhappily seldom met with in our dealings with China. There was the beginning of the year a steady rise in prices both here and in China, and we were able to carry on, until about the end of last year, a large business with that country, with a fair margin of profit, which was all the more welcome as possible years have not been so common of late as to compensate for bad times. That the mills have been able to dispose of their production months ahead profitably, during the past year was not due to China responding at once to the local advance in prices, but to the fact that purchasers here were buying largely in anticipation of a rise in China where the improvement in prices was slow but continuous, benefitting the Chinese dealers as well. The prolonged tightness of money in China during the greater part of last year and which exists even now, has however had the effect of associating an ever present risk with our relations with that country and prevented the merchants there from responding, as they would have done under ordinary circumstances, to the great rise in prices in Bombay.

THE QUESTION OF EXCHANGE.

Moreover exchange transactions between China and India could not be carried on satisfactorily, which also hampered us a good deal. The Banks in China owing to the scarcity of specie were willing enough to sell rupees for ready clearance, but they offered such exceedingly low rates for forward transactions, that it was very difficult to do any business without undertaking great risks. I allude to this subject, as it is a matter of great importance to us and is likely to affect us, until China establishes a gold standard. Considering the enormous business we are doing with China I wonder if it would be too much to ask Government to minimise the hardship entailed on those who trade with silver using countries, as the result of the Currency legislation, by so adjusting its purchases of silver as to always leave a reserve for minting purposes, and thus render it unnecessary to upset the markets by sudden operations on a large scale. Another advantage that would result from Government thus adjusting its purchases, and spreading it over a longer period of time, would affect large interests among the masses and though it is not within our province to enter into the question, I cannot help remarking in passing that if fluctuations in silver are reduced to a minimum by any action that Government might take in the matter. It will have the effect of maintaining the price of silver somewhere near its normal level and then it will gradually dawn upon the masses that they are acting very foolishly in hoarding silver as they do now, in the belief that pre-ent fluctuations indicate the possibility of a rise in the value of that commodity some day.—an illusion which ought to be dispelled if they are to be protected from the consequences of a ruinous smash similar to that experienced by the boarders of silver when the mines were closed.

PROSPECTS OF THE COMING YEAR.

As for the year the prospects are at present very uncertain and rather unsatisfactory. It was fortunate that the Powers, and especially China, agreed to maintain a strict neutrality during the continuance of hostilities between Russia and Japan. No one however can prophesy the future. The fear of China being involved in the war, and the scarcity and dearness of cotton, remains all speculations as to the futures quite purposeless. And considering how as a rule, our business with China is affected by one adverse factor or other, I think it should be very much to our advantage to devote greater attention to the local Indian market, and to endeavour to supply local requirements to a greater extent than we do at present. To accomplish this we must, first of all, have highly trained operatives permanently attached to the industry, a matter of great difficulty in a country like India, and as just stated by the Chairman, the improvement of the staple of our cotton. As for the rest, we are in a position to compete with our rivals in these respects we should be able to show to advantage the increasing competition of Japan in the China Market, the anticipated growth of spinning industry in China itself, or the ceaseless activity, spread by the indomitable energy of Silvery. In this appendix to the report there will be found the details of a scheme to which I intend giving a trial as soon as a better feeling prevails all round, with the object of finding out whether generous treatment will help us in attaching the mill hand to his work more permanently. And now I would like to refer, though very briefly to a topic about which it is not likely that we shall hear the last word for some time to come, viz, India's position in

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apart. I am sure we would not have grudged the capital required for housing the mill hands had we the means at our disposal. Nobody Millowners are placed in the same position as Calicoes and Woolens and their difficulties are precarious while their industry as a whole is not only at a low ebb but is threatened with unfortunate competition in the Far East. So much then for our critics. But there is another and more important matter to which, at the risk of encroaching on your patience, I feel tempted to refer and which is

THE VEXED WATER QUESTION.

We have, time out of number, appealed to the municipality, to reduce the water-rate for industrial purposes, and the last effort we made in that direction brought us but little satisfaction. It has been shown, conclusively, that the water-rate for industrial purposes charged in Bombay, is exorbitant, but we are told that it is not that it is so. I wonder why though. Anyhow, in spite of the paternal activities of our Municipality, and the religious fervour with which the excise duty is maintained, we are asked to do wonders for Bombay or to close our mills. I hope better counsels would prevail in the future, so as to give the industry that main in Bombay what it is, bare justice. Another subject which is of great importance to us also requires some notice. In October last a Committee appointed by the Government of India on which I had the honor to serve as the Representative of this Association met several times to consider the question of

SHORT-REELING.

in detail and to frame the necessary instructions to put a stop to the practice of short-reeling. The Committee prepared a Report in which there were several points to which I was opposed. I therefore placed my objections before a special meeting of the Committee of this Association on the 23rd of October last, as the result of which certain amendments were drafted out and agreed upon I failed however, to procure the acceptance of any of these amendments with the exception of one or two verbal alterations. I therefore while signing the Report forwarded with it a Minute of Dissent in the terms of the general principles on which the amendments of the Committee of this Association were based. This minute was approved by our Committee and I am sure it represented the views of the Association correctly. I was therefore not prepared to hear at the last meeting of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, a prominent member expressing himself as believing that the Government Committee's Report—presumably minus my Minute of Dissent—commended itself to some well-known members of this Association. I am personally not aware of any member to whom the Report as it stands commends itself. As regards the general question of short-reeling on looking at local circumstances connected with technical considerations regarding the conditions under which our spinning is done, practical experience makes it quite clear that unless the modifications aimed at in the minute of Dissent are accepted by Government, the difficulties of conforming in practice to the rules and instructions embodied in the Report will be so great as to virtually fetter any expansion of local business. This would no doubt act very favourably in the interests of English and Continental Spinners and give them unqual advantage over us, since, although it may appear, our yarn may be tested when and where and as often as it is deemed fit, while in actual practice the imported yarn, once it has passed the Customs, escapes all further restrictions. There is also reason to believe that the present Customs' procedure in respect of imported yarn does not prevent the importation of short-reeled yarn. While on this subject I may add that I hear the Government of India after receiving the Report I have just alluded to has made another communication on the subject a copy of which was sent to the Chamber of Commerce. It was to be expected that, as we are ourselves chiefly interested in the matter, a copy would have been also sent to this Association, which was represented on the Government Committee, but for some reason or other this has not been done. The President has ably touched upon the important question of the ventilation of Factories and I endorse his reference to the services rendered by the "Indian Textile Journal" in this connection and in other matters affecting the staple industry which it so ably represents. There is nothing further that I have to allude to with regard to our doings. But I cannot conclude without taking this opportunity of endorsing the remarks of the Chairman on our particular point and expressing our obligation to our Secretary for the valuable services he has rendered to this Association. He has on several occasions brought to the notice of the Committee important questions requiring our consideration, which owing to the stress of business would have escaped our notice. I must also refer to the great pains he is taking in helping the Committee to deal satisfactorily with the question of Trade Marks Registration. The effect of which has been to minimise friction between users of Trade Marks. The matter however has not reached finality as yet and we are to-day about to introduce one or two Resolutions concerning the subject. With these remarks I have now much pleasure in seconding the motion for the adoption of the Report.

MR. VITHALDAS D. THACKERSEY.

Mr. Vithaldas D. Thackersey in supporting the motion said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, there is no object to be gained in detaining you with any lengthened remarks after the eloquent and able speeches of our Chairman and Vice-Chairman. I therefore will confine my remarks to only one or two subjects which I consider to be of the most importance to our industry. The question of short reeling by Indian Mills has been referred to here. I am sure I voice the sentiments of all present when I say that the result of the deliberations of the Committee appointed by Government has been most disappointing. The very first glance at the Committee's report will not fail to convince any one with practical knowledge of our industry, that the Committee has entirely misapprehended the real object of Government, the Government in their letter to the Mill Owners' Association say:—"The Government of India have decided that measures should be taken to stop the practice of short reeling yarn which is intended for sale in India and with the end in view they consider that prosecution should be instituted against persons who intentionally manufacture short reeled yarn for sale in India. Nothing can be clearer than this and no one can take the slightest exception to the reasonableness of the standard but what has the Committee done? All along the different recommendations point to making the sale of our yarn in India exceedingly difficult and creating a feeling of insecurity in the minds of many manufacturers. I will give you only two instances from its report. In one of its recommendations it makes it penal to remove any yarn from the Mill premises without its being bundled possibly only those who have actual experience in the industry can see the impracticability of this suggestion. In England not only is there no such restriction but every Weaving Mill buys its yarn from the Spinning Mill in cops or bobbins. In India, in most cases, spinning and weaving departments are combined in one Mills. Still in such cases the Weaving Mills use the yarn of other Mills. Again in cases where hand looms are situated at a convenient distance from the Mill, advantageous arrangements for the weaver is to buy his yarn in cops or bobbins or even on beams. Yes, again weaving mills send their yarn in unbundled scale to the dyeing factories and receive back dyed yarn without its being bundled. Now why should there be any, the least interference with this legitimate trade yarn is reeled and bundled only for the convenience of transport and no one who would require yarn for weaving purposes and is situated at a convenient distance from a spinning mill would be foolish enough to ask the spinner to reel his yarn and bundle it, take it to his own premises, unbundle it, unreel it, to make it into Cops again for his use on his looms; and for this operations to pay for double labour and double wastage, which would add materially to the cost of production of yarn to the extent of nearly 3-4 annas in addition to the delay and trouble in the operation. It is this extra cost which makes the Weaving Mills in Blackburn to carry yarn in cops for a long distance from Oldham. It has sometimes paid even the Bombay Mills to import yarn in cops from England instead of reeled yarn.

PROPOSED REMEDIES.

In spite of the remonstrances of our excellent representative Mr. David, the Committee refused to exclude yarn in cops or bobbins from the operation of sec. 12 (2). The proposition is so preposterous that nothing short of an almost total ignorance of the trade could defend it. Another recommendation is to make it penal to sell any yarn finer by more than one quarter of a count. It means that if a manufacturer, by over-anxiety on his part to follow the sections of the law even unintentionally, gives an average count of 10 1-2s, instead of 10s, and thus gives an extra 5 per cent. yards to the purchaser who would be able to weave greater quantity of cloth to that extent, he can be committed for fraud. I admit the section in our Merchandise Marks Act literally means this, but so far it has been a dead letter. How then can we find out the object of the present amendments is to put the law in motion and it is just possible that the action by inspectors may be more vigorous than is contemplated by Government, it is our duty to see that no impracticable sections are allowed to stand. No British Court of Law would ever convict for fraud any one who unintentionally gives to the buyer an article superior to what he bargains for, dearer than he pays for and greater in weight than he is charged for, an article which costs the seller more to manufacture. Such a proceeding would logically mean that a person delivering a piece of 22 Carat Gold when he is getting money for 18 Carat Gold should be punished for fraud. It may be that for special reasons the purchaser may not require the superior article, and may compel the seller to exchange it; but it is preposterous for him to say that the seller committed fraud. There are several other objections in the recommendations of the Committee, but the two instances I have given are I think, quite sufficient to show that the report of the special Committee requires minute attention and wholesale amendment to make it practicable. Every one of us is aware that dishonest and fraudulent practices of short reeling should be put a stop to. Our Association has willingly co-operated with Government to gain this end; and if the recommendations of our Association as placed before the Committee through our representative had been accepted, the object of Government would have been gained without unnecessary hardship and risk to the honest manufacturers. I am astonished to hear from Mr. David that Government has referred the report of the Committee to the Chamber of Commerce for further information. Well, we have a right to complain against this procedure. On the Committee, the Mill Owner's Association and the two Chambers of Commerce of Bombay and Karachi were represented and if any further communication is made to the Chamber with regard to this question our Association has a stronger claim for such consideration. This procedure our Committee has strongly resented and I hope before definite action is taken in the matter, our Association will be given a full opportunity to have its way. There is not the slightest doubt that the good sense of the Government will ultimately prevail and that they will be in a position to place on the statute book a law, which while exposing the dishonest and fraudulent persons to punishment will give assurance of perfect safety to honest manufacturers.

THE WATER TAX.

There is a second matter to which I wish to refer in a few words. When I spoke last year I explained fully how the present policy of the Bombay Municipality with regard to the water tax, acted prejudicially to the interests of our industry. Since that time there has been no change. The policy of [illegible] has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

M. A. P. IN THE GREEN ROOM.

It is fortunate for Mr. Arthur Bourchier that playgoers do not invariably and always lend practical justification to the critics argument that people only go to the theatre to be amused. For, were this so, the gentleman who keeps watch in the Garrick box-office as the representative of "The Arm of the Law" would have as good a reason for falling asleep in duty hours as that other boxed limb of the Law, the ancient Charley, had for remaining awake. As it is, the play of murder at the Garrick is doing, I am told, exceedingly well and it comes to me from Mr. Bourchier in a courteous letter of which this paragraph may, perhaps, be permitted to stand as the acknowledgment, that the publication in these columns of any report as to a new play to follow "The Arm of the Law" in Charing Cross Road would be harmfully premature.

But there was only a small chance for "Love's Carnival" at the St. James's if amusement were the sole object for which men went down to the play in cabs. For this English version by Mr. Rudolf Bleichmann of Otto Erich Hartleben's play Rosenmontag was a tragedy indeed. It was not a play of pistol shots and of hidden bodies, or of the bloody business of midnight massacre, but it was even more tragic than that, because the man and the woman in it for whom sudden death was provided were the hero and the heroine of the story, and there was once or twice during the evening the hint of a happy ending. And it was thrice a tragedy and three times more, because Lieutenant Hans Rudorff and Else Reiman were young, handsome, high-minded and pure-hearted and their death was the mighty answer to the comparatively infinitesimal question of caste.

There was nothing unpleasantly problematical in "Love's Carnival." It was certainly a problem play, but it was quite clean. Laden as it was, in its social complexities, with the new thought, it was, at the root as healthy as "Caste" itself. It was a beautifully told tale of how caste is everything in life and nothing in death; how love levels all only when the level—if it be pardonable to suggest a quip in so sacred a connection—is a spiritlevel. Hans and Else loved with a love that was more than love, but while he was of noble parentage she was of humble, and by the treachery of friends, who made out that the girl was all that she ought not to have been, they were separated. But they met again and the truth was told, and as it was now too late to go heart in heart to life, they went hand in hand to death. The story was told with a most impressive simplicity, and one felt, as one left the theatre, that Hans and Else had cheated caste and were tenderly triumphant in the Better Land.

It was a case of the peculiarity of cast as well as of caste at the St. James's. In the long list of dramatis personæ which faced the strong list of players there was only one lady. Else was the only acting part, and Miss Lilian Braithwaite was the only actress. So poor Else fought her way through the story alone in more than one sense. This single lady experiment at the St James's where one is accustomed to seeing such a large crowd of fashionably-dressed beauty on the stage, was a curious but not an unsatisfactory feature of the play. Let me hasten to explain away all suspicion of disrespect with the observation that the absence of women from the stage heightened the pathos of the story and gave many echoes to the keynote of the author's scheme intensions. (Though, as it was remarked by a lady in the stalls the other night, the one-woman cast would never do for musical comedy!) Miss Lilian Braithwaite was as dramatically strong as she is personally pretty and charming in the part of Else, and it goes without saying of one could be indifferent enough to let it, that Mr. George Alexander gave to the character of the young Lieutenant all the romance and the manliness and the refined understanding that were required for its adequate interpretation. It is a thousand pities that the play has failed.

Mr. H. Chance Newton and Mr. Robert Coverley have achieved the unique in musical comedy. "The Up-River Girl" which was recently granted a copyright performance at the Haymarket Theatre, and which, it is hoped, may soon have a less 'in camera like hearing has been respectively written and composed by them without the assistance of a number of additional makers of additional numbers." It is nothing new for Mr. Chance Newton to write a burlesque or a musical farce all out of his own head, as playgoers who remember his travesties for Mr. Arthur Roberts and his A. B. C. Girl for Miss Marie Lloyd need no telling; but it will be generally agreed that he could rightfully lay claim to distinction for being the sole inventor and writer of a form of piece which is usually the work (speaking apart from the music) of two authors and three lyrists. Although engaged in so much critical work for the Referee (to the staff of which he has been attached since the paper's beginning), for the Sketch, the New York Mirror, and other newspapers, Mr. Chance Newton finds time for giving something more than occasional exercise to a gift for dialogues, short stories, and vers de société, and he has written so many sketches and song-words for our celebrities of the variety theatre, that they have wandered beyond the bounds of human reckoning.

With so much to write, and to write about, and only the usual amount of days in the year for doing it, Mr. Chance Newton is unable to spare the time for such conventionalities of life as growing old and getting cross. It may be that his youthful appearance and cheery manner can be attributed to natural causes—that is, to his being a great deal younger than one might judge from his record of work. But a man who, if I mistake not, has contributed to the Hornet (an editorial venture of the late Henry S. Leigh), to H. J. Byron's little magazine, Mirth, and to Tom Hood's Annual, is not going to be permitted to lure the world into the impression that he is as young as he looks and feels. The author of "The Up-River Girl" is well known among established playgoers as the "Henry" of the Richard Henry" combination of talent which gave such Gaiety successes to theatrical history as "Monte Cristo Frankenstein," etc., and which was responsible, light responsability) for the Strand burlesque of "Jaunty John Shore," one of the last pieces the late Miss Alice (Mrs. Willie Edouin) was seen in by her London admirers. The "Richard" of the kingly title was, and very much is (though he seems to have given up writing for the stage now) Mr. Richard Butler, the genial and enthusiastic editor of the "Referee," so, what with the burlesques of George R. Sims into the bargain, the "Referee" may be said to have had not a little to do with the fortunes of the Gaiety Theatre. And they have been very large fortunes.

At last Miss Ada Reeve is to have a comedy all to her sparkling self. There will be some music in it, but not enough to make a comedy in the generally understood sense, for Winnie Brooke, Widow, which is the work of Mr Malcolm Watson, of the "Daily Telegraph, and "Fordwych of Aldwych," is, like Kitty Grey, above all, a comedy with a story. I was privileged the other day to look into this story, while it was being fitted by Mr Malcolm Watson's partner with dialogue and lyrics, and I discovered in it two features which should be of immense assistance to Miss Ada Reeve's venture. One was a capital plot, and the other was a first rate part for Miss Reeve. Although there is no denying the versatility of this delightful actress, she has her "favourite characters" like most of her sisters, and it is a great thing for the future of the new comedy, or it should be that the part after which it is named is one which positively bristles with the kind of opportunities that are nearest to her art and dearest to her heart.

The story 'in toto of Winnie Brooke, Widow" (a title, by the way, which reads very much like half the battle), must not be divulged until April 2, when the piece will have its first production at Boscombe. But it may be said without unduly anticipating the authors that the main idea of the plot rest in the determination of Winnie Brooke (Miss Ada Reeve) to break up a certain brotherhood of celibates. She is assisted in her scheme by a fire which takes place at a seminary for young (but not too young) ladies, which is situated next door to the House of Martyrs, into which the girls and their pretty young governesses are taken for shelter; and in this way, and in others, the Brotherhood is slowly but surely killed, the last nail in its coffin being represented by the ultimate betrothal of the very head of the society to the fascinating little widow, Winnie Brooke.

The writer who prefers the name "Fordwych of Aldwych" to his own, probably because it is one which defies forgetting, is not by any means unknown to the professions of the stage and the pen. His travesties and verses in "to-day" have for some time now held their place among the most popular features of that journal and he has provided the George Edwards productions with several of their best-liked lyrics. He is besides a capital stage manager, and a born comedian. It was due almost entirely to his feats of patience that the "Follies" became known for the "snip snip" performance of their programme; and during the time that he was running the clever little company with Mr. Pelissier at the Queen's Hall and various other places he took a leading part in the show, and contributed to it from time to time many of its most taking song-words and dialogues. Before "Fordwych of Aldwych" turned to the stage for a living, and to journalism for an existance, which was after he had discovered he was not fitted for the law he travelled deeply into the uncivilised regions of the world and picked up, among other things, the delicate art of cattle breeding—a branch of industry which, when it suddenly changed into cattle driving, was promptly deserted by "Fordwych of Aldwych" for England Home, and less disagreeable Duty.

If miniature plays are not to be allowed on the variety stage there is nothing to prevent the introduction of miniature ballets—so long, of course as no story is told, or attempted to be told, by the arms and the eyebrow of the performers. This is a thought that probably occurred to many people in the Royal Theatre of Varieties this other evening as Miss Louie Lynton, accompanied by a troupe of little Pierrots, danced her way with a most bewitching grace into the favour, if not into the hearts (there's no knowing) of the "Press and Public" Miss Lynton who is quite young and quite pretty tells in a delightfully unvulgar song how she went to Covent Garden in the name of Dolly Varden, and the prettiest of pretty effects is obtained during the clever little lady's "confession" by the tiny white Pierrots dancing noiselessly on a darkened stage—darkened, that is, except for the coloured revolving lights which shine down upon the swaying bodies of the dancers from the wings. It is one of the daintiest and most effective "turns" we have had in the variety theatre for many a day, or night, and it is pleasant to learn from Miss Lynton that she may be making her appearance before long at one of the big houses in Leicester Square.

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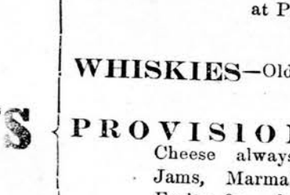

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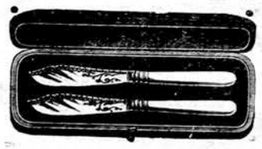

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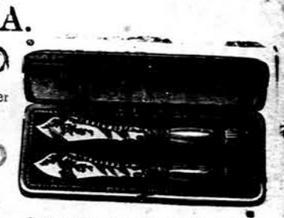

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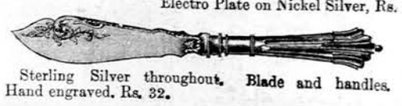

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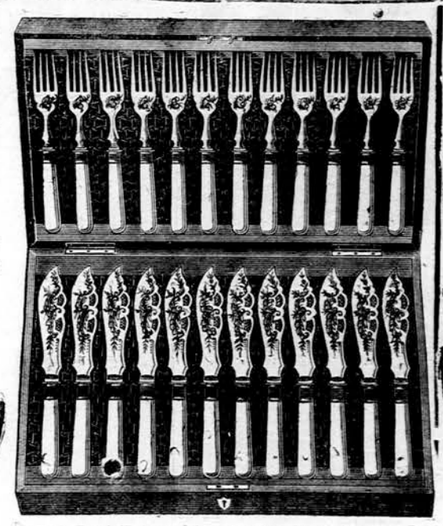

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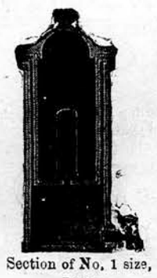

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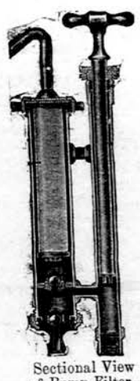

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